



RECOMMENDATION

Commission on Seniors

Recommendation Number 20181212-04B: Support for Innovative Housing Models, Including  
Cooperative Housing for Seniors

WHEREAS, The Commission on Seniors serves as an advisory board to the council concerning the quality of life for senior citizens in the Austin area and to help ensure older adults are productive, independent, and healthy; and

WHEREAS, One of Council's priority strategic outcomes is: Economic Opportunity and Affordability: Having economic opportunities and resources that enable us to thrive in our community; and

WHEREAS, the Age Friendly Action Plan includes strategy 3.1.1 Encourage the development of new and innovative models of affordable housing (multigenerational, cohousing/cooperative housing); and

WHEREAS, the City's 2017 Strategic Housing Blueprint states that, "collaborative living arrangements where residents actively participate in the design and operation of everyday living provide another affordable housing option in Austin".

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Commission on Seniors recommends the Austin City Council encourage development of new and innovative models of affordable housing including cooperative live-work developments for older Austinites, enabling them to share resources to co-live, co-create, and thrive in retirement.

Date of Approval: December 12, 2018

Record of the vote: For 13 (Briesemeister, Varteressian, Angel, Cagle, Garcia-Pittman, Grampp, Hauser, Jackson, Kareithi, Lugo, Nicola, Sheth, Van Sickle)

Against: 0

Absent: 1 (Bordie)

Attest:

