

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION  
PASSIVE HOUSE RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, the Community Development Commission passed a resolution in 2016 that recommended studying the feasibility of adopting the Passive House standard for all new affordable housing construction; and

**WHEREAS**, the resolution also recommended the initiation of a study evaluating Austin's multifamily affordable housing buildings, including public housing, for the potential energy savings benefits of retrofitting them to the Passive House standard; and

**WHEREAS**, the Joint Sustainability Committee passed the resolution in January 2017 along with a transmittal letter recommending the issuance of an RFQ for the Passive House study to be issued by the end of FY 2017; and

**WHEREAS**, no RFQ has been issued; and

**WHEREAS**, city officials to date have only spoken to or worked with members or representatives of the Passive House Alliance (PHAUS) or the Passive House Institute, U.S. (PHIUS), not the original Passive House Institute, the North American Passive House Network (NAPH), or Passive House, New York;

**WHEREAS**, numerous Passive Houses located in hot and humid climates have been constructed around the world and in the United States that have been certified to the original international Passivhaus standard; **NOW THEREFORE**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Community Development Commission recommends that the Austin City Council:

- direct the Austin city manager to issue an RFQ for the conductance of the Passive House study as referenced in the Community Development Commission and Joint Sustainability Committee recommendations by the end of FY 2019.
- direct the city manager and staff to conduct all analyses, data gathering, and feasibility evaluations to focus on the the original Passivhaus standard, as well as the current PHIUS (Passive House Institute, U.S.) standard.