



COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION

Asian American Quality of Life Advisory Commission

Recommendation Number: (20191119-04c): The Asian American Quality of Life Advisory Commission recommends that the City Council direct the City Manager to take Asian Americans, Immigrants and other diverse communities into consideration when devising Austin's 2019 Land Development Code.

WHEREAS, it is the value of the City of Austin to be an inclusive city for all of its citizens including those of diverse racial, ethnic, religious, cultural, and national origin backgrounds;

WHEREAS, the City of Austin declared the need for a new Land Development Code, and the first draft of the Code was released on October 4, 2019 and Council will have the first reading on December 5, 2019;

WHEREAS, The Asian and Pacific Islander (AAPI) community in Austin is the fastest growing demographic group, doubling roughly every 10 years, and comprising approximately seven percent of the City of Austin's population;

WHEREAS, the Asian population grew by 6.1 percent in between the year of 2017 to 2018 in the five-county region of the City of Austin;

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Land Development Code to be beneficial towards ALL ethnicities in the City of Austin;

WHEREAS, the Land Development Code has not been translated into languages that represent the full Austin community;

WHEREAS, translating pertinent City information is important to help the education of all Austin residents across diverse communities;

WHEREAS, because of lack of translation and outreach, not all of the diverse communities across Austin have not been included in the Land Development Code revision process;

WHEREAS, there are sections in the Land Development Code that affect AAPI households and businesses at a high rate;

WHEREAS, providing a culturally competent Land Development Code will aid all of the City of Austin residents, not just the English- speaking residents to be involved in this City process;

WHEREAS, the Asian American Quality of Life Advisory Commission's purpose is to advise the City of Austin on AAPI quality of life.

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ASIAN AMERICAN QUALITY OF LIFE ADVISORY COMMISSION:

Supports that the City of Austin Land Development Code 2019 be translated into the top five languages spoken by the City of Austin residents; and

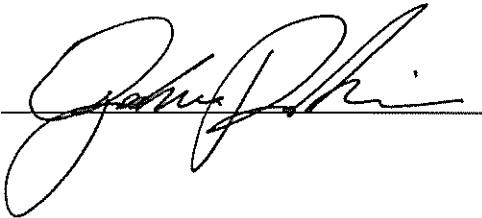
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

The Asian American Quality of Life Commission strongly encourages and endorses the efforts by the City of Austin to pursue efforts that make the Land Development Code representative of all communities including the AAPI community and other diverse communities in our city.

Date of Approval: November 19, 2019

Record of the vote: Moved by Commissioner Yoshida, Seconded by Commissioner Conte. Unanimous on a 10-0 vote (Commissioner Cobalis, Chen, Sethi, Stanton, Saxena, Patel, Patil, Radhakrishnan) Absent: Commissioners Chao, DasGupta, and Wang

Attest: _____

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