



ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MOTION 20200219 005a

Date: February 19, 2020

Subject: Green Building Materials

Motion by: Linda Guerrero

Seconded by: Mary Ann Neely

RATIONALE:

WHEREAS, many common materials used in buildings contain toxic chemicals; and

WHEREAS, building construction workers and building occupants can be exposed to toxic chemicals through direct contact or inhalation; and

WHEREAS, many non-toxic and less toxic alternative building products are available at little or no additional cost.

NOW BE IT RESOLVED the Environmental Commission recommends to City Council to ensure Austin Energy and other City entities are consistently working to improve building design standards to restrict toxic material use in constructing or redeveloping structures in the City of Austin

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

The Environmental Commission recommends that the Austin Energy Green Building program explore revised standards that will actively encourage the installation of non-toxic and less-toxic alternatives through its voluntary point system.

VOTE 10-0

For: Bedford, Smith, Thompson, Nill, Ramberg, Guerrero, Coyne, Neely, Maceo, and Gordon

Against: None

Abstain: None

Recuse: None

Absent: Creel

Approved By:

Linda Guerrero, Environmental Commission Chair