



# City of Austin

## Design Commission

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DESIGN COMMISSION  
RECOMMENDATION 20200518-01A

Date: May 20, 2020

**Subject:** Design Commission recommendation for the Tower 5C project, located at 415 Colorado Street.

**Motioned By:** Josue Meiners

**Seconded By:** David Carroll

**Recommendation:**

The City of Austin Design Commission recommends that the Tower 5C project, located at 415 Colorado Street, as presented on May 18, 2020, substantially complies with the city's Urban Design Guidelines. The Commission further recommends that the ground floor lobby retail space is open to the public and not reserved for solely for the building users.

**Rationale:**

Dear Director of Planning and Zoning Dept.,

This letter is to confirm the Design Commission's recommendation that the Tower 5C project, located at 415 Colorado Street, as presented on May 18, 2020 substantially complies with the Urban Design Guidelines as one of the gatekeeper requirements of the Downtown Density Bonus Program. Our review found the following:

1. The lobby retail space will serve to energize the ground floor as long as it is open to the public.
2. The proposed outdoor space, and landscaping, will activate the streetscape.
3. Above ground parking is mechanically ventilated and completely hidden behind glass façade.
4. Additional comments can be found in the Planning & Urban Design Working Group Memo, dated March 4, 2020.

Respectfully,  
City of Austin Design Commission

**Vote:** 7 - 0 - 0

For: David Carroll, Aan Coleman, Evan Taniguchi, Melissa Henao-Robledo, Josue Meiners, Samuel Franco, Beau Frail

Against: None

Absent: Bart Whatley, Martha Gonzalez, Ben Luckens, Jessica Rollason

Attest: David Carroll, Chair of the Design Commission

  
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David Carroll, Chair

Martha Gonzales, Vice Chair

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