



**DESIGN COMMISSION
RECOMMENDATION 20180827-02A**

Date: September 13, 2018

Subject: Design Commission recommendation for The Republic project, located at 401 West 4th Street, to determine substantial compliance with the Urban Design Guidelines.

Motioned By: Martha Gonzales

Seconded By: Samuel Franco

Friendly Amendment: Samuel Franco

Recommend that the applicant make a good faith effort to allow public access to the planned covered bicycle parking.

Recommendation:

The Austin Design Commission recommends that The Republic project, as presented on August 27, 2018, is in substantial compliance with the Urban Design Guidelines.

Rationale:

Dear Director of Planning and Zoning,

This letter is to confirm the Design Commission's recommendation that The Republic project, as presented to the body on August 27, 2018 substantially complies with the Urban Design Guidelines as one of the gatekeeper requirements of the Downtown Density Bonus Program. The positive features that stood out include:

1. The large plaza on 4th Street will be a public benefit as an extension of Republic Square.
2. The proposed public art on 3rd Street will help to enliven the ROW.
3. The inclusion of retail/ restaurant space on all four block faces

For details on compliance of specific guidelines please reference the Planning & Urban Design Working Group letter dated July 12, 2018.

Respectfully,
City of Austin Design Commission

Vote: 9 - 0 - 0

For: David Carroll, Martha Gonzales, Aan Coleman, Samuel Franco, Katie Halloran, Evan Taniguchi, Ben Lukens, Beau Frail, Melissa Henao-Robledo

Against: n/a

Abstain: n/a

Absent: Bart Whatley

Attest: David Carroll, Chair of the Design Commission
