

## DESIGN COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION 20190325-02A

Date: March 26, 2019

**Subject:** Design Commission recommendation for the 44 East project, located at 44 East Avenue, to

determine substantial compliance with the Urban Design Guidelines.

Motioned By: Vice-Chair Martha Gonzales Seconded By: Aan Coleman

## Recommendation:

The Austin Design Commission recommends that the 44 East project, as presented on March 25, 2019, 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 44 East project, as presented to the body on March 25, 2019 substantially complies with the Urban Design Guidelines as one of the gatekeeper requirements of the Downtown Density Bonus Program. The positive features of the project include:

- 1. The landscaped public plaza that is oriented towards the Hike & Bike Trail
- 2. Preservation of the existing heritage oak tree
- 3. The design strategy for concealing above grade parking
- 4. Retail facing public plaza

For details on compliance with specific Urban Design Guidelines reference the Planning & Urban Design Working Group recommendation letter dated March 06, 2019.

Respectfully,

City of Austin Design Commission

Vote: 7 - 0 - 0

For: David Carroll, Aan Coleman, Katie Halloran, Evan Taniguchi, Ben Lukens, Beau Frail, Martha Gonzales

Against: n/a Abstain: n/a

Absent: Samuel Franco, Melissa Henao-Robledo, Bart Whatley,

Recused: n/a

Attest: David Carroll, Chair of the Design Commission

Wavid Carrell