



Date: June 21, 2023

Attention: Codes & Ordinance Joint Committee

Subject: June 2023 Agenda Item 6, C20-2022-022 Live Music Venue & Creative Space Definitions

Committee Members:

The Joint Arts & Music Urban Core Land Use Working Group was formed to study and provide recommendations for City-involved real estate development. The Arts and Music Commissions recognize that land use planning is immensely critical to the sustainability and growth of Austin's music and cultural arts economies.

Our working group has identified the combination of zoning and developer incentives as a powerful tool for preserving and developing creative space in Austin. We have carefully reviewed and discussed the proposed plan presented by Donald Jackson of the Economic Development Department regarding zoning categories and cultural districts.

We strongly support the Live Music Venue and Creative Space Definitions, an ordinance amending CityCode Title 25 (Land Development Code) related to live music venues, creative spaces, and live/work units in response to City Council Resolution Nos. 20220728-094 and 20220901-089. **We ask that the Codes & Ordinances Joint Committee recommend to Planning Commission approval of this ordinance.** In addition, we support City staff's work to establish a future Creative Space Bonus Program and look forward to ongoing communications with staff and community stakeholders.

Thank you for your consideration of this measure.

Sincerely,

Joint Arts and Music Urban Core Land Use Working Group

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