

RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL TO ADOPT THE EQUITY-BASED PRESERVATION PLAN

Draft for commission consideration

WHEREAS, Austin's existing plan to guide historic preservation policies, programs, and activities was adopted in 1981; and

WHEREAS, both Austin and the historic preservation field have changed substantially in the past 43 years; and

WHEREAS, the Historic Landmark Commission initiated the development of a new preservation plan for Austin in 2021; and

WHEREAS, the resulting Equity-Based Preservation Plan (the preservation plan) was developed by a community working group with members from across Austin bringing diverse lived experiences as well as professional and community expertise; and

WHEREAS, broad, inclusive outreach and engagement around the draft preservation plan reached more than 2,500 people throughout the city to review and comment on the plan's goals and recommendations; and

WHEREAS, the Commission on Aging received a briefing on the draft preservation plan at its May 2024 meeting; and

WHEREAS, older adults were well-represented in engagement, with 29% of respondents to the plan's community survey 65 years old or older; and

WHEREAS, the community working group and Historic Landmark Commission revised and finalized the preservation plan based on public feedback; and

WHEREAS, the preservation plan aligns with and furthers the goals of the Commission on Aging, particularly recommendations related to telling Austin's full history, recognizing cultural heritage, and stabilizing communities; **NOW, THEREFORE,**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF AUSTIN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION:

The Commission on Aging recommends that City Council adopt the Equity-Based Preservation Plan and support its timely implementation.