Zoning and Platting Commission Recommendation
Request that Council initiate an area regulatory plan

WHEREAS, the area of Austin generally bounded to the east by Capital of Texas Highway 360, to the south by the shoreline of Lake Austin, to the west by FM 620, and to the north by Boulder Lane and Bull Creek is one of the nation's riskiest areas for uncontrolled wildfire; and

WHEREAS, the general boundaries include recently annexed geographies that lack city services, infrastructure and planning; and

WHEREAS, the general boundaries have amongst the highest population growth rates in the city; and

WHEREAS, the insurance industry has identified this area as high risk or uninsurable; and

WHEREAS, this is a critical time to expand safe and affordable housing opportunities; and

WHEREAS, the city's most valuable resources for climate resiliency occupy this region; and

WHEREAS, the lack of a regulatory plan could result extreme loss of human life and catastrophic financial disaster.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Zoning & Platting Commission encourages the Austin City Council to initiate a generalized regulatory plan to evaluate roadway capacities, to evaluate and ensure the safe delivery of city services such as fire evacuation, to evaluate and plan sustainable capacity along the WUI corridor including affordable housing and missing middle housing, to evaluate and plan the city's preserve lands, and strategic acquisitions.

Date of Approval: _____

Record of the vote:

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