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Mayor and Council of the City of Austin
301 W. 2nd Street
Austin, Texas 78701

RE: Imagine Austin Implementation

Honorable Mayor, Mayor Pro Tem, and Council,

Friends of Austin Neighborhoods urges you to guide the CodeNEXT process and Imagine Austin implementation decisions using the plan's complete communities indicators, and we request that you provide the funding for staff positions and training necessary to apply this approach.

The Imagine Austin comprehensive plan defines a vision of a city of complete communities that are livable, natural and sustainable, mobile and interconnected, creative, educated, prosperous, and that value and respect people. These qualities of complete communities represent the goals of the plan. The plan (pages 225-226) includes 58 indicators that "measure success in achieving plan goals."

If we are to move forward constructively in achieving the goals of Imagine Austin, we must begin measuring these indicators, and our community must base its decisions on what will move these indicators in the right direction.

The City has access to "Envision Tomorrow" and other tools that staff can use to quantify and predict, for example, the effects of different land development code regulations on measures of household affordability, mobility, and sustainable use of natural resources.

Please direct City staff to provide stakeholders, in advance, with the estimated impacts of Imagine Austin implementation proposals, including the projected impacts of land development code revisions. Please also fund the training and positions that staff needs to produce these estimates.

Respectfully,

Board of Directors of Friends of Austin Neighborhoods (FAN)

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