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OF AUSTIN

**THE REAL ESTATE COUNCIL OF AUSTIN, INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS RESOLUTION
URGING THE CENTRAL HEALTH DISTRICT BOARD OF MANAGERS
TO APPROVE A TAX RATE INCREASE TO FUND
A MEDICAL SCHOOL AND TEACHING HOSPITAL**

WHEREAS, our community will face a shortage of at least 770 doctors by 2016; and

WHEREAS, according to the 2010 census, there are more than 200,000 people in Travis County with no insurance, and almost 6 of 10 of these are employed; and

WHEREAS, people without insurance often visit emergency rooms for routine care, costing taxpayers millions; and

WHEREAS, providing people a primary care medical home through community-wide clinics will allow people to be treated efficiently and affordably so they do not end up in expensive emergency rooms; and

WHEREAS, between 2000 and 2010, the Austin area's population of pre-seniors (55 to 64 year olds) grew faster than anywhere in the United States, and the more than 65-year senior population had the second highest growth rate in the nation; and

WHEREAS, studies show that seniors access health care services twice as much as people under 65; and

WHEREAS, the Texas Medical Association reported in 2012 that 20 percent fewer Texas physicians accepted all new Medicare patients than 10 years ago, and only 31 percent accept all new Medicaid patients; and

WHEREAS, the American Association of Medical Colleges 2011 State-Physician Workforce Databook states that 80 percent of doctors who both attend medical school and perform their residencies in Texas practice medicine in Texas; and

WHEREAS, many people choose to travel to other cities or states to seek treatment for major illnesses, such as cancer; and

WHEREAS, for every new local dollar spent in providing public health locally, a federal match of \$1.46 is available to help those in our community – meaning \$1.00 in local money becomes \$2.46 to spend on health care in Travis County; and

WHEREAS, if our community does not maximize our access to these federal funds, the funds will be lost to other parts of the country that are investing in health care; and

WHEREAS, the Seton Healthcare Family has preliminarily committed up to \$250 million dollars to build a new teaching hospital, and The University of Texas System voted to put at least \$25 million a year into a medical school at UT Austin and \$40 million during the next eight years to help its launch; and

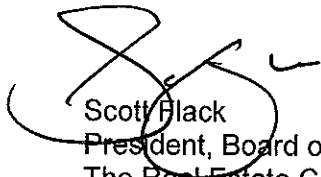
WHEREAS, the creation of a medical school and teaching hospital is estimated to create more than 15,000 permanent jobs and \$2 billion in annual economic activity; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Managers of Central Health is considering placing a \$0.05 tax rate increase on the November 2012 ballot in order to expand and upgrade local healthcare.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that The Real Estate Council of Austin, Inc. urges the Central Health District Board of Managers to approve placing a \$0.05 tax rate increase on the November 2012 ballot to fund a medical school and teaching hospital for Travis County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that The Real Estate Council of Austin, Inc. supports a \$0.05 tax rate increase in order to provide for local healthcare expansions and upgrades such as: support for a medical school; physician, nurses, and other healthcare provider training; trauma services; specialty care services, such as cancer care; a site for a new teaching hospital; community-wide health clinics; primary care; behavioral and mental healthcare; prevention and wellness programs; and to obtain matching funds.

Adopted on this 8th day of August, 2012 by The Real Estate Council of Austin, Inc.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Scott Flack", is written over the typed name and title.

Scott Flack
President, Board of Directors
The Real Estate Council of Austin, Inc.