



**THE REAL ESTATE COUNCIL OF AUSTIN, INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS RESOLUTION
IN SUPPORT OF CHANGES TO THE CITY OF AUSTIN CHARTER TO IMPROVE
VOTER PARTICIPATION INCLUDING A HYBRID ELECTORAL SYSTEM**

WHEREAS, the Real Estate Council of Austin, Inc. (RECA) strongly believes in changes to the City of Austin electoral system that will empower and engage citizens through increased voter participation; and ,

WHEREAS, the Austin City Council commissioned a Charter Revision Committee in August 2011 to consider a new electoral system in the City of Austin and other changes to the electoral process; and

WHEREAS, RECA supported the 2002 failed charter amendment proposing an 8-2-1 hybrid electoral system consisting of eight single-member districts, two at-large Council seats, and an at-large Mayor as a proponent of good government and meaningful electoral reform; and

WHEREAS, an 8-2-1 hybrid electoral system provides for more accountability, less expensive campaigns, greater diversity, and a fair balance between city-wide representation and district representation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that RECA endorses a November 2012 charter amendment proposing an 8-2-1 hybrid electoral system for voter consideration.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that RECA additionally supports the following changes to the City of Austin charter to promote increased voter turnout and a more efficient and representative electoral system:

- Move City of Austin municipal elections from May to November of even-numbered years beginning in 2014 and every four years thereafter.
- Limit Council Members to three terms in an individual office, whether a single-member district seat or an at-large seat.
- Require that single-member districts proposed be compact, consist of contiguous territory, and to the extent practicable, of equal population.
- Require that a map of the single-member districts be drawn before placing the item on the ballot.

Adopted on this 20th day of June, 2012 by the Real Estate Council of Austin, Inc.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Scott Flack", is written over a circular stamp or seal.

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