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RECA Board of Directors Votes to Support Proposition 1
Ridesharing is an Innovative Solution that Uses Technology to Improve Mobility

(AUSTIN – April 14, 2016) – On Wednesday, the Real Estate Council of Austin (RECA) Board of Directors voted to support Proposition 1, which will effectively reinstate the 2014 ordinance that successfully enabled Uber and Lyft to offer ridesharing services in Austin.

“We urge our members and the community to vote ‘Yes’ on May 7 to replace the new TNC ordinance with one that’s consistent with the regulations TNCs have operated safely and successfully under for the past 18 months,” said RECA Board Chair Brian Cassidy. “It is regrettable that the issue has been handled in a manner that led to this process, but Proposition 1 is now the best course of action to assure that Austin residents will have continued access to TNC services.”

“As one of the fastest-growing cities in the country, Austin faces several challenges, and transportation concerns consistently top the list,” said RECA President Ward Tisdale. “TNCs provide a much needed transportation alternative to the community. Furthermore, the city government should not unnecessarily legislate how private companies, working within a sharing economic model, operate their businesses.”

RECA is supporting Proposition 1 because TNCs give Austinites better access to more transportation options at all hours of the day. TNCs also improve overall mobility and help ease parking problems downtown and at other popular destination areas.

TNCs have also proven to reduce drunk driving by providing an option to get home safely, and they have enhanced passenger safety and driver accountability by providing driver information and the ability as a passenger to share your ride with others. TNCs also provide abundant and flexible employment opportunities to qualified drivers.

About RECA:

The Real Estate Council of Austin (RECA) addresses issues affecting the commercial real estate community in Central Texas. With more than 1,800 members, the non-profit, advocacy organization represents a broad spectrum of the Central Texas economy, ranging from landowners and developers to the various service professions that facilitate the industry. Commercial real estate development brings new jobs to Central Texas while protecting existing jobs and increasing tax revenue, which is used to fund our public schools, city services, infrastructure and parks.

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