





# RECA'S IMPACT ON ADVOCACY

## TEXAS LEGISLATURE

- Passed two RECA Priority Bills during the 87<sup>TH</sup> Legislative Session, which went into effect September 1, 2021:
  - SB 1585 – Increases property rights protections for property owners who oppose inclusion into a Historic District
  - HB 1475 – Provides more clarity for Board of Adjustments to approve variances
- Monitored over 500 bills related to the commercial real estate industry

## CITY OF AUSTIN AND TRAVIS COUNTY

- Fought against a 124% annual increase in Parkland Dedication fees implemented by the City with no public notice and pushed for reinstatement of the prior year Parkland Dedication fees
- Advocated for community engagement in the budget during the proposed Density Bonus recalibration process, and participated in multiple rounds of testing with the Housing and Planning Department
- Advocated for 41 additional employees for DSD in the proposed budget without a fee increase
- Submitted 27 development process improvements to Austin Energy
- Worked with Development Services Department on over 30 process improvements for tree review and inspections
- Worked for improvements in the license agreement process
- Participated in Travis County Stakeholder Group on Permitting improvement
- Advocated for switching to the International Plumbing and Mechanical Code

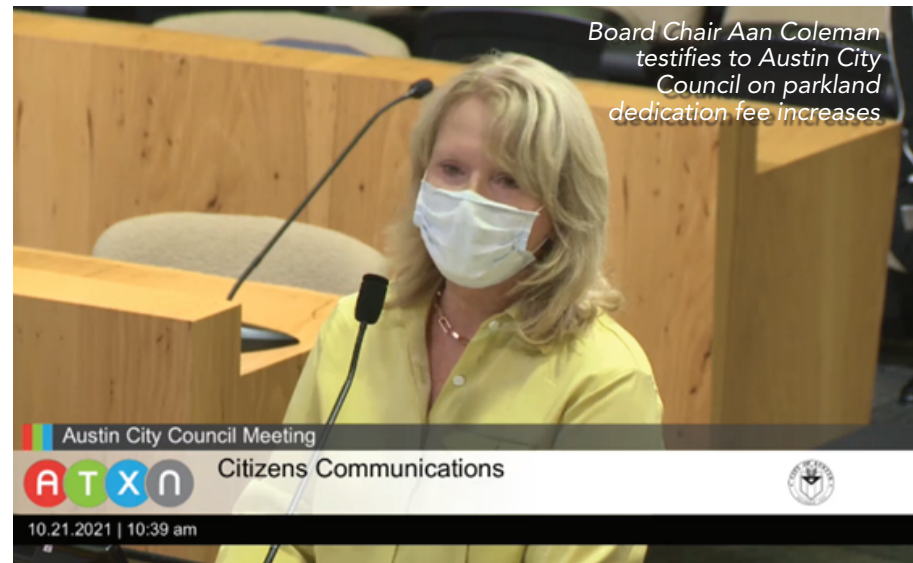
## TRANSPORTATION

- Provided over 50 comments to TXDOT on IH-35 scoping and improvements
- Worked with local, state, and national elected officials to push for IH-35 improvements on a reasonable timeline
- Participated in Project Connect Downtown Working Group on proposed Orange and Blue lines
- Provided several pages of comments on the draft Transportation Criteria Manual
- Joined Transit Forward to work toward an on-time and on-budget delivery of Project Connect

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More than 1800 people celebrate RECA's 30<sup>TH</sup> year at 2021 KnockOut Night



Board Chair Aan Coleman testifies to Austin City Council on parkland dedication fee increases

The Real Estate Council of Austin is the premier advocacy organization for the Central Texas commercial real estate industry. RECA's mission is to serve as an effective resource and advocate for the commercial real estate industry and advance civic leadership in support of responsible development and a livable Austin.

# RECA 2021 HIGHLIGHTS

- JAN** 200 members attended the **Economic Outlook Luncheon** with Mark Roberts, Executive Director of the Texas McCombs Real Estate Center.
- FEB** 100 commercial real estate professionals attended the **Networking Happy Hour**. RECA held a virtual **Round Rock Regional Update**.
- MAR** RECA held a **policy briefing** on the City of Austin Transportation Criterial Manual and Street Impact Fee changes.
- APR** 175 members attended the **Mayoral Luncheon**. RECA hosted over 200 members at the **Annual Charity Golf Classic** raising \$10,000 for beneficiary The Other Ones Foundation.
- JUN** 350 members attended the **Development Update Lunch**. RECA hosted 130 members at the **Networking Happy Hour**.
- AUG** More than 200 commercial real estate professionals attended the **RECA Exchange**.
- SEP** More than 400 members attended the **10 in 10 ATX Update** with Senator Kirk Watson.
- OCT** **Christmas in October Philanthropy Project** raised \$67,000 in cash and in-kind donations for renovations to UMLAUF Sculpture Garden.
- NOV** RECA brought together 175 members for the **Annual Charity Top Golf Event** benefiting ACE Mentor Program.

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