



The Austin Neighborhoods Council Executive Committee Resolution Concerning Austin Fire Department Response Times and New Fire Station Construction

WHEREAS, The Austin Fire Department provides efficient and life saving services every day for all of Austin's neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, the Austin City Council approved a resolution to begin the process of exploring methods to improve fire response times in the highest needs areas in the City; and

WHEREAS, This resolution asks the City Manager to develop a strategic plan with proposed funding mechanisms and a timeline to meet this need; and

WHEREAS, the population of Austin is expected to grow by 30% over the next 15 years and the City of Austin has no plan for new public safety infrastructure, like fire stations, all the while approving policies that often increase fire fighter response times; and

WHEREAS, the city has long accepted a standard of fire response goal of arrival within eight minutes of a call, 90% of the time and the response times differ dramatically across the city and roughly only 20% of the fire stations are meeting the goal; and

WHEREAS, Austin Fire Department has a holistic plan to provide equitable service to north, south, east, and west neighborhoods, with measurable performance targets; and

WHEREAS, in the past these needs have been funded by traditional bond measures and can take over ten years to get built; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Austin Neighborhoods Council Executive Committee hereby supports the City Council and Austin Fire Department designation of five critically needed fire stations, and, requests the Austin City Manager and Council to explore faster newer and more efficient ways, such as public private partnerships, to meet our current and growing fire station infrastructure needs so that our citizens lives and property may be protected equitably.

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