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Dear Mayor Adler, Mayor Pro Tem Tovo, and Council Members Houston, Garza, Renteria, Casar, Kitchen, Zimmerman, Pool, Troxclair, and Gallo,

At your November 12, 2015, meeting, you will consider a resolution to establish tenant relocation assistance requirements (Agenda Item #27). HousingWorks applauds your commitment to addressing the ongoing issues surrounding tenant displacement in the City of Austin. The resolution includes provisions that were vetted during an extensive 2012-2013 stakeholder process, including tenant notification requirements and relocation assistance, among other items.

In addition to the provisions outlined in the November 12th resolution, HousingWorks encourages City Council to consider a temporary relocation program that could be triggered by code violations impacting tenant safety and security.

During 2012 and 2013, city staff conducted an extensive stakeholder process and solicited diverse input from a variety of individuals and organizations. The resulting tenant relocation policy recommendations are detailed in a May 20, 2013 memorandum from Neighborhood Housing and Community Development. The 2013 recommendations remain relevant today, as the issue of displacement is increasingly common and destabilizing to low-income families and communities. We look forward to the expeditious implementation of a comprehensive tenant relocation assistance program.

Thank you for your commitment to affordability. If you have any questions, or require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at (512) 454-1444.

Sincerely,

Mandy De Mayo
Executive Director