



HousingWorks  
AUSTIN

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Dear Mayor, Austin City Council Members and Staff,

HousingWorks emphatically endorses adoption of Item 126 on the July 20, 2023 Austin City Council agenda and thanks Council Member Pool and the co-sponsors for proposing the resolution initiating amendments to the Land Development Code to modify site development regulations, including minimum lot size and maximum number of dwelling units, applicable to development on lots with single-family zoning.

We believe the changes proposed through the Home Options for Middle-income Empowerment (HOME) initiative possess great potential for increasing access to attainable housing opportunities for households at a range of income levels and for increasing housing opportunities in high opportunity areas. Increasingly, first time homebuyers and those seeking a home that is a better fit for their household needs are finding it difficult to afford housing in Austin. Expanding attainable home ownership throughout Austin can play a key role in supporting households of all ages and types, expanding diverse housing opportunities for families, and helping build intergenerational wealth.

As always, feel free to contact us if you have any questions about this letter. You can contact me at [nora@housingworksaustin.org](mailto:nora@housingworksaustin.org).

Best Regards,

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