



**TO:** Mayor Kirk Watson and Austin City Council Members  
**FROM:** Taylor G. Smith, Deputy Director of Government Affairs *Taylor G. Smith*  
**DATE:** October 31, 2023  
**SUBJECT:** Item 24 – Resolution Directing the City Manager to Develop a Strategy to Build Awareness and Minimize Barriers for House Relocation

The Austin Board of REALTORS® is encouraged that the City of Austin is taking steps to improve the house relocation process within Austin. Item 24 is a resolution directing the City Manager to explore opportunities and develop a strategy to build awareness and minimize barriers for house relocation and deconstruction.

On behalf of more than 20,000 Central Texas REALTORS®, **we ask Council to support Item 24** which will start the community conversation about improving the home relocation process. ABoR supports efforts to increase the variety of housing types throughout Central Texas in order to provide homes for all members of the community. House relocation can be a cost-efficient alternative to demolition or building a new housing unit while also diverting solid waste to local landfills. ABoR supports reforming administrative processes and regulations that are barriers to the markets ability to meet the unique housing needs of our community. Simplifying the housing relocation process and creating incentives to relocate older homes within the City of Austin could benefit our housing stock.

We want to thank **Council Members Ryan Alter, Vaness Fuentes, Leslie Pool, José Velásquez** and **Mayor Pro Tem Paige Ellis** for sponsoring this resolution. We appreciate their leadership and initiative to explore creative ways to increase Austin's housing supply. We look forward to participating as a stakeholder in this important policy discussion and providing recommendations intended to have the greatest potential impact on our housing supply.

Thank you for your leadership in taking steps to change the trajectory of our housing market and allow for greater housing capacity. We are here to partner with you as you work to increase our City's housing stock.

Cc: Jesús Garza, Interim City Manager