



Proclamation

Be it known that

Whereas,

Austin has rich, diverse, and distinctive built and cultural heritage, reflecting the many communities that have shaped our city; and

Whereas,

The Equity-Based Preservation Plan is a blueprint for all of Austin, with people from across the city contributing their time to the Plan's development—Historic Landmark commissioners, the Preservation Plan Working Group, Partner Organizations, community ambassadors, City staff, and many others—and thousands more people adding their input; and

Whereas,

A community-based, equity-focused Plan for Austin's local heritage is needed now more than ever, as we seek to retain and strengthen what makes our city special as it grows and changes; and

Whereas,

City Council adopted the Equity-Based Preservation Plan as an element of the Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan on November 21, 2024; and

Whereas,

We are gathered here today to recognize the substantial contributions of community time and effort that created and shaped this essential and award-winning plan; and

Whereas,

It is imperative that we allocate the necessary resources and dedicate the political will to implement the Plan in a timely and collaborative way; and

Whereas,

The Austin community mourns the loss of Juan Raymon Rubio, Steve Sadowsky, and Caroline Wright, who were active contributors to the Plan's development and tireless advocates for the preservation of Austin's rich and diverse communities; and

Whereas,

In their memories, the City of Austin pledges to fulfill the commitments made to the Austin community members who have put time, ideas and faith in the planning process.

Now, Therefore,

*I, Kirk Watson, Mayor of the City of Austin, Texas,
do hereby proclaim*

February 12th, 2025

as

Equity-Based Preservation Plan Day

in Austin.

*In witness whereof, I have hereunto
set my hand and caused the seal of the City
of Austin to be affixed this 12th Day of
February in the Year Two Thousand Twenty Five*

Kirk Watson

Kirk Watson, Mayor, City of Austin

