

**AR 24: In Support of the City Relations Task Force and its Sustainability**

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**WHEREAS**, The City Relations Task Force was initially founded in September 2012 for the purpose of acting in regards to MF-4 and responding to other issues regarding the City of Austin, and

**WHEREAS**, According to *FindTheData.org*, the cost of living index for the Austin-Round Rock area is 103, or 14 percent higher than the state average index of 90<sup>1</sup>, and

**WHEREAS**, There are two students appointed by the Student Body President to serve on the Central Austin Neighborhood Planning Advisory Committee, with one student vote per semester, and

**WHEREAS**, There are two students appointed by the Student Body President to serve on the board of University Area Partners, and

**WHEREAS**, The City Relations Task Force has served as the policy-implementation arm of the City Relations Agency and related External Appointments, and

**WHEREAS**, The City Relations Task Force in its current capacity has advocated for affordable student housing, for safer conditions in West Campus<sup>2</sup>, and against the University Neighborhood Overlay (UNO), and

**WHEREAS**, The City Relations Task Force operates by maintaining a relationship between University of Texas at Austin students and local government agencies, including local neighborhood associations, in order to keep student housing affordable and students represented when considering changes that could affect the student body and where they live in the future, and

**WHEREAS**, The City Relations Task Force is partnering with West Campus Green Initiative to expand the availability of West Campus housing that follows sustainable practices such as recycling and composting, and

**WHEREAS**, The City Relations Task Force has unanimously voted yes to "Should the City Relations Task Force be a permanent part of Student Government" in a group survey administered in January 2013<sup>3</sup>, then

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<sup>1</sup> Source: <http://cost-of-living.findthedata.org/1/508/Austin-Round-Rock-TX>

<sup>2</sup> Source: <http://dailytexanonline.com/news/2012/10/19/student-government-raises-awareness-of-west-campus-theft-rates>

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that Student Government supports the purpose, mission, and function of the City Relations Task Force, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the 2012-2013 Review Commission shall incorporate the City Relations Task Force in changes regarding the Internal Rules of Procedure.

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