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AR 8: In Support of Safe Ride Powered by URIDE

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WHEREAS Student Government serves as the official voice of students at The University of Texas at Austin; and,

WHEREAS In May 2012, a survey of students was conducted of 1322 students. 78.1% of the responders answered they supported the idea of a safe ride system, and 73.8% of the responders answered they would use the program; and,

WHEREAS If these statistics are reflective of the whole Student Body, then based on Fall 2012 enrollment, 40,778 students would support the program and 38,533 students would utilize the program; and,

WHEREAS According to the Texas DPS, 5 out of every 15 fatal crashes in Travis County of drivers under the Age of 25 involved alcohol; and¹,

WHEREAS According to the Texas DPS, Travis County had the 4th most DUI cases in the state with 1,398 (including 21 fatal crashes, 25 fatalities, 372 serious injury crashes, and 507 serious injuries); and,

WHEREAS Safe Ride powered by URide is a program that employs trained veterans to safely transport The University of Texas at Austin's students, faculty, and staff to neighborhoods around campus; and,

WHEREAS It is The University of Texas at Austin's mission to "be recognized as a national leader for campus safety and security operations (planning, policies, procedures, and practices);" and²,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Student Government of The University of Texas at Austin supports the implementation of a Safe Ride program that runs during midterms and finals servicing students, faculty, and staff at the PCL; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Student Government of The University of Texas at Austin supports the expansion of the program to include rides taking students, faculty, and staff from downtown on Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to The University of Texas Parking and Transportation Services, Dean of Students, Student Affairs, Department of Public Safety, Texas Department of Transportation, Office of the President, Daily Texan, Austin Monthly, The Alcalde, Austin American Statesman, Texas Monthly, and Texas Parents

¹ <http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/>

² <http://www.utexas.edu/safety/about/mission.html>