



The Student Senate

Texas A&M University

S.R. 70-17

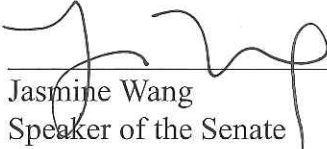
**The Student Senate
70th Session
Texas A&M University**

Introduced By: Sarah Swiney, Vice President of University Committees
Tory Oxendahl, Deputy to City of College Station
Jerry Ramirez, Off-Campus Caucus
Gregory Cross, Legislative Relations
Rohan Sethi, Legislative Relations

Sponsored By: Chair Katina Economides, Legislative Affairs, Off-Campus Caucus

Action Taken _____

Certified By:



Jasmine Wang
Speaker of the Senate

Southside Neighborhood Overlay Resolution

"A resolution to oppose measures that negatively affect student housing options"

Whereas(1): Texas A&M University students recognize the importance of neighborhood integrity and wishes to uphold positive relationships with neighbors and residents.

Whereas(2): However, Student Senate also recognizes the incredible need for affordable housing. Financing a college education is expensive and students are left with limited time to hold jobs that will cover expenses while focusing on their education.

Whereas(3): Students need housing that is close to campus. Many students do not own cars and need the option to walk or bike to class. Close living proximity to campus also relieves pressure on campus parking.

Whereas(4): Without the opportunity to live close to campus, particularly in the Southside historic district, students will be forced to find other housing options, leading to increased road congestion, higher rental prices, and longer commutes for students.



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Therefore

Let it be

Resolved(1): Texas A&M Student Senate supports the opportunity for single-family detached dwellings to be occupied by four to six unrelated persons. Rather than permitting no more than two unrelated persons in a house, we support using this change to increase the current requirement to no more than five (or six) unrelated persons in a house. Living with more roommates would also create opportunity for carpooling and further promote green living.

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Further

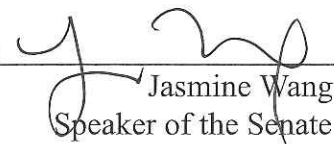
Resolved(2): Texas A&M Students do not believe the “southside neighborhood” group is representative of the 280 homes they are seeking to overlay, many of which are students. This overlay would be discriminating against the property rights/interests of many students and allowing a minority voice to determine and amend the UDO (Unified Development Ordinance) NCO (Neighborhood Conservation Overlay) language.

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Further

Resolved(3): Texas A&M students support the preservation of historic neighborhood integrity. Students recognize the current issues that surround the reasoning behind this overlay and are dedicated to seeking a resolution alongside community members.

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Further

Resolved(3): A copy of this resolution be sent to:
City of College Station Mayor Karl Mooney
Councilman Bob Brick
Councilman Jerome Rektorik
Councilwoman Linda Harvell




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Councilman Barry Moore
Councilman John Nichols
Councilman James Benham
City Manager Kelly Templin
Brazos County Commissioners Court County Judge Duane Peters
Commissioner Steve Aldrich
Commissioner Sammy Catalena
Commissioner Nancy Berry
Commissioner Irma Cauley

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