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Austin City Council Establishes College Student Quality of Life Commission

To Austin Higher Education Institution's Student Government Associations:

University Democrats would like to inform you of the following developments regarding the City Council's designation of the Aldridge Place Neighborhood as a Historic District.

In March, Austin's City Council voted to designate the Aldridge Place Neighborhood of North Campus as a "Historic District". This designation prevents building demolitions and gives the City Council final approval on any proposed construction plans.

The district's boundaries are Guadalupe to the West, Speedway to the East, 30th Street to the South and 34th Street to the North. Although this area is steeped in historical significance going back to the early 20th century, the Council faced significant student-led opposition to the designation as preventing construction within its borders would place a burden on Austin's growing undergraduate population.

In response to the lack of input from student groups in the designation process, students began lobbying the Council to establish a student advisory board to communicate student opinions on various subjects to the Council.

At their meeting earlier today the Council voted to establish a College Student Quality of Life Commission as a means to allow students and student groups to inform the Council of their opinions. Each institution's administrative body would be allowed one student-appointee to the Commission.

Resolution:

<http://austin.siretechnologies.com/sirepub/cache/2/05hcmn4xftwvuw2khw45xxl/141451705102017103642722.PDF>

Meeting Agenda:

<http://austin.siretechnologies.com/sirepub/mtgviewer.aspx?meetid=1442&doctype=agenda>