



Quality of Life for All of Austin

## **Liveable City Resolution in Support of a Pilot Carsharing Program in Austin**

Since carsharing offers an opportunity to reposition the automobile as a transportation option instead of the only choice for transportation for our community;

And since carsharing programs have shown benefits in air quality in other cities such as San Francisco and Philadelphia by reducing emissions, increasing public transit usage, and by encouraging dense, new urban development;

And since carsharing can reduce the cost of transportation and increase mobility by offering the use of vehicles to the broader community without the costs of car ownership;

And since carsharing can offer further community savings by improving government efficiencies with the use of carshare vehicles to replace non-emergency fleet vehicles that have low annual mileage use;

And since carsharing offers a low cost, convenient service with 24-hour on-demand access to cars, trucks, and vans to increase Austin's overall quality of life;

And since a non-profit carsharing organization is the one entity that can ensure the stability and continuity required for a successful long-term program in a smaller metro area such as Austin;

And since a non-profit carsharing organization is best positioned to leverage public and private financing sources for a successful program;

And since a non-profit carsharing organization can remain focused on the largest possible impact of carsharing instead of the bottom line;

And since a non-profit carsharing organization can provide a lower cost per user to build a larger and more diverse user base;

And since a local non-profit carsharing organization keeps money within the local economy and ensures service to as much of the community as possible;

Be it resolved that Liveable City endorses the concept of carsharing as a service to be offered in Austin, and further resolves to support establishing a local collaboration among public, private, and non-profit organizations to develop a carsharing service accessible to the entire community regardless of income.

And be it resolved that Liveable City encourages the city of Austin and other jurisdictions to support establishing a pilot program for community carsharing service.

*Approved unanimously Jan. 21, 2006*