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From: Board of Directors, The Congress for The New Urbanism - Central Texas Chapter

To: Members of the 2013 Awards Jury

Re: National APA Daniel Burnham Award for a Comprehensive Plan

Dear Members of the 2013 Awards Jury:

The Congress for The New Urbanism - Central Texas Chapter (CNU-CTX), its Austin members and many followers, have followed the Imagine Austin Comprehensive plan process with great interest. We are writing to you in support of the plan itself, the Vision contained within and the nomination of the Plan for the National APA Daniel Burnham Award for a Comprehensive Plan.

Our organization is an enthusiastic supporter of the plan. Specifically, we represent a large contingent of Austinites who champion the core principle "Grow as a compact, connected city." This is vital for Austin's future; the principle speaks to the heart of our CNU Charter. We believe that implementing this principle -- through the Centers and Complete Communities concepts -- is the path forward that will allow Austin to realize all the other goals in the plan. We also see as critical a revision of the land development code to allow more compact, connected development patterns to occur.

We recognize the dedication, consideration and time devoted to the process by our fellow citizens, including the Citizen's Advisory Task Force and Planning Commission, City Council and staff in helping Austinites achieve a more sustainable, compact and connected future. In consideration of the many thousands of citizen hours devoted to formulating this visionary comprehensive plan, we urge all involved to ensure that this plan, now adopted, comes to fruition with a robust implementation program.

Sincerely,



Sean Compton, LEED AP
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