May 3, 2022

Dear City Council,

I am writing on behalf of the Huntsville Bicycle Advocacy and Safety Committee (BASC) in support of a proposed ordinance to develop a Sustainability Advisory Commission for the city.

Healthy communities are sustainable communities. Cycling is a practice that people can enjoy at all ages, but only if the community make the effort to create a safe environment and properly designed facilities that include cycling. Too often, transportation is designed only for moving motor vehicles. Transportation is a mean of moving people and goods, and all modes should be represented. Fewer car trips, less traffic, more freedom to choose pedestrian or cycling modes surely adds to Quality of Life and sustainability of a community.

Huntsville is now the largest city in Alabama and continues to rapidly expand. We want to ensure that development continues wisely so future generations can have equitable access to all Huntsville has to offer, and that we are lucky enough to experience. Huntsville’s residents are highly educated and possess expertise and many specialized skills that can benefit the city leaders in their decision making.

We support a diverse, community-based Sustainability Commission that can work with the various city departments and leaders to position the city as a leader in Alabama and the whole southeastern region for sustainability and resilience. Let’s showcase that the city truly wants its residents to be an integral part of the city’s actions.

The BASC urges you to support the ordinance to create a resident-based Sustainability Commission for the city of Huntsville.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

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Huntsville Bicycle Advocacy and Safety Committee

Co-chair