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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

**TRAVIS COUNTY COMMISSIONER RON DAVIS ANNOUNCES THE ‘FIRST WALL OF AFFORDABILITY’  
WITH WALL RAISING CEREMONY OF NEW AFFORDABLE HOMES**

Austin, TX – Commissioner Ron Davis is pleased to announce that Travis County, in partnership with Austin Habitat for Humanity, Inc. and David Weekley Homes, has provided funding from a CDBG grant to purchase the land to construct affordable homes in the unincorporated areas of the County. The wall raising for the first home in the Gilbert Lane Subdivision in Eastern Travis County, TX, took place on Wednesday, June 22nd. The Gilbert Lane Subdivision is located approximately .5 miles east of SH 130, and approximately 9 miles from downtown Austin.

Other facts about the Gilbert Lane Subdivision project include:

- Thirty-one single family homes will be built on the land, and about half of them will be affordable for households living at 25% - 50% of the Area Median Family Income (approximately \$45,800 for a family of 4).
- The remainder of the houses will be affordable for households up to 80% of the Area Median Family Income (approximately \$59,050 for a family of 4).
- Approximately 31 low-to-moderate income families will have the opportunity to buy these homes at zero-percent interest financing. The homes are financed through Austin Habitat for Humanity resulting in reasonable mortgage payments that do not cause a burden to the homeowner.

“So much work and effort with Travis County in partnership with Habitat for Humanity occurred to make this first home a reality and for that the County is very happy to see this first wall raised,” stated Commissioner Davis, “And I would like to thank my fellow Travis County Commissioners for their decision to invest in home ownership opportunities.”

Travis County’s Community Development Block Grant Program began in February 2007, and this project serves as the first development of housing for the program. A little over \$1million dollars was invested in the acquisition of the land with homes guaranteed to be affordable for at least 10 years. The Gilbert Lane Subdivision is located in Precinct 1. To learn more about the County’s CDBG program, visit [www.co.travis.tx.us/cdbg](http://www.co.travis.tx.us/cdbg).