

RESOLUTION NO. 20130321-047

WHEREAS, the City of Austin is striving to maintain nonattainment status for the Austin area; and

WHEREAS, state grant funding under a program known as Rider 8 funds scientific research including air monitoring, emissions inventories, and ozone modeling that help ensure ozone reduction strategies are effective and efficient; and

WHEREAS, in the 2012-2013 biennium the State Legislature cut Rider 8 funding by 50%, bringing funding levels for each grant recipient to levels lower than they had been since 2001; and

WHEREAS, the State of Texas allowed Travis County to voluntarily establish a vehicle inspection and maintenance (I&M) program in order to monitor on-road mobile sources of emissions, collect fees from all vehicles under the program guidelines, and provide funding for Low Income Vehicle Repair Assistance, Retrofit, and Accelerated Vehicle Retirement Program (LIRAP) with available funds from fees collected to try to address problems in the vehicles that cause the most local emissions; and

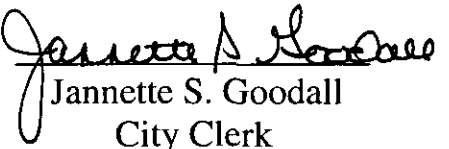
WHEREAS, the State of Texas has collected far more dollars than they have returned to the fifteen counties as specified within the program's guidelines; **NOW, THEREFORE,**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

The City's legislative agenda is amended to include support of legislation that would distribute air quality funds collected from the I&M program back to local areas based on the program's intended purpose, as well

as reinstating Rider 8 funds to their pre-2012 levels in order to maintain local air quality programs at an effective level.

ADOPTED: March 21, 2013

ATTEST: 
Jannette S. Goodall
City Clerk