

RESOLUTION NO. _____

WHEREAS, in the City's general election on November 4, 2014, and its December 16, 2014 runoff, if needed, 10 Council Members will be elected from respective single-member districts, and those persons elected will be sworn in on January 6, 2015; and

WHEREAS, during that interim period, newly elected Council Members will have a need and will derive a benefit from having a physical location to meet with constituents and members of the public, and from having clear, convenient, and predictable methods by which constituents and members of the public may communicate with them; and

WHEREAS, it would be an invaluable resource for newly elected Council Members to be provided with office space located in their respective districts, with a City e-mail address, and with a page on the City's website on which to post contact information, office hours, and location; and

WHEREAS, the City may have existing space available, or may have space which could be made available, in City-owned or leased facilities such as recreation centers, health centers, or the like, or the City may explore opportunities to collaborate with area partner agencies or other governmental agencies for the use of facilities, all to be made available at no cost as temporary office space for newly elected Council Members; and

WHEREAS, any office space so provided should be Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessible, should be located on or near public transit, and should have free parking available;

NOW, THEREFORE,

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

The City Manager is directed to develop a transition plan whereby newly elected Council Members are provided an opportunity, if they so choose, to have no-cost, temporary office space provided in their respective districts that is ADA accessible, is on or near public transit, and has free parking available; and are provided with a City e-mail address and a page on the City's website for posting contact information and office hours within one week of having been elected. The City Manager is directed to provide the proposed transition plan to Council no later than October 2, 2014.

ADOPTED: _____

ATTEST: _____

Jannette S. Goodall
City Clerk