

RESOLUTION NO.

WHEREAS, the City seeks to improve the quality of life for all of its residents; and

WHEREAS, the City is home to several institutions of higher education including the University of Texas (~50,000 students), Austin Community College (~45,000 students), St. Edwards University (~5,000 students) Concordia (~2,600 students), Huston-Tillotson (~900 students), and others; and

WHEREAS, students are a diverse population but demographic research, community engagement, and other community scorecard information do not break down data for this group; and

WHEREAS, the City has undertaken several quality of life initiatives that recognize that different populations within the City experience significantly different conditions and quality of life that require informed policy responses to address; and

WHEREAS, policy makers would benefit from understanding the experience and perspective of students on issues such as affordability, transportation, public safety, and sustainability, as well as issues of racial and ethnic inclusion; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

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

The City Manager is directed to work with local higher education institutions and representative student bodies to develop a student quality of life initiative to analyze relevant data and feedback, and report back to Council with recommendations for new or enhanced City programs, policies, or practices that would improve the quality of life of higher education students in Austin, Texas.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

The City Manager is directed to report back to Council within 180 days on initial feedback from institutions and student bodies on the scope and process of this effort, along with staff recommendations for implementation in Fiscal Year 2015-16 / Academic Year 2015-16.

ADOPTED: _____, 2014

ATTEST: _____

Jannette S. Goodall
City Clerk

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