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WHEREAS, President Obama earned substantial local support by receiving over 63% of the vote in 2008 and over 60% of the vote in 2012 from Travis County residents; and

WHEREAS, President Barack Obama is the first African American President of the United States, and held the first large rally of his presidential campaign in Austin at Auditorium Shores on February 23, 2007 which attracted over 20,000 people, and

WHEREAS, this event has significant local and national historical value, and is worthy of permanent recognition to be appreciated for generations to come; and

WHEREAS, a permanent marker commemorating the February 23, 2007 rally may be appropriate; and

WHEREAS, creating public discussion through the Parks and Recreation Board will allow for community input and deliberation regarding this commemorative marker; NOW, THEREFORE

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

The City Manager is directed to initiate a public process through the Parks and Recreation Board to discuss installing a permanent marker on Auditorium Shores commemorating President Barack Obama's February 23. 2007 rally at that site.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

The City Manager is directed to report to Council with recommendations regarding the commemorative marker not later than April 2, 2015.

ADOPTED: November 20, 2014 ATTEST

Jannette S. Goodall

City Clerk