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Mayor Adler, Mayor Pro Tem Tovo and Council Members -

The Austin American Statesman accurately reflected in a [recent article](#) about my first 100 days on the job that the only certainty I can count on each day is that I likely won't get much sleep. In the same vein, I can also assure you that I have not spent any time looking for permanent housing either. I left my former position in Minneapolis on a Friday in February (after we hosted the Super Bowl 5 days earlier) and started in earnest here in Austin the following Monday. I'm sure you can appreciate that 'settling in' has been a gradual process.

That said, I am honored to be your City Manager and take my responsibility of leading by example very seriously. Although agenda item #21 - an extension to my temporary housing allowance - was a provision Council asked to be included in my employment agreement, I am respectfully asking the City Council to support withdrawing this item for consideration from the agenda.

Austin is in an affordability crisis. High among the list of priorities we need to address as a City is how we can provide better housing options for all members of our community. I look forward to working with Council and with community to find ways to manage our growth as a City in responsible, authentic and equitable ways.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

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