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WHEREAS, voters are more likely to participate when they feel their vote will count and that they have a reasonable chance of electing candidates who represent their interests; and

24 **WHEREAS**, elected officials are more responsive to constituents when
25 voters have a choice of candidates, thus increasing accountability and serving the
26 best interests of the voters of Texas; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

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

28 That the Austin City Council does hereby support legislative efforts to
29 establish a citizen-led commission composed of Texas voters who are
30 representative of the state's diversity, partisan balance, and geography, for all future
31 redistricting. This Independent Commission will oversee the process to draw the
32 lines of the state Senate, state House of Representatives, and Congressional
33 districts.

34 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

35 That we call upon all those elected officials and party leaders in the State of
36 Texas who represent the citizens of the City of Austin to publicly announce their
37 support of and commitment to work towards passage of such legislative efforts, and
38 that a copy of this Resolution be delivered to each of them:

Governor Greg Abbott
Lieutenant Governor Dan Patrick
Attorney General Ken Paxton
Secretary of State David Whitley
United States Senator Ted Cruz
United States Senator John Cornyn

Texas State Senator(s)
Texas State Representative(s)
Gilberto Hinojosa, Chairman,
Democratic Party of Texas
James Dickey, Chairman,
Republican Party of Texas

ADOPTED: _____, 2019

ATTEST: _____

Jannette S. Goodall
City Clerk