



MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and Council

FROM: Ida Musgrove, Deputy Intergovernmental Relations Officer

DATE: September 25, 2019

SUBJECT: **Staff Response to Resolution No. 20190808-078**

The purpose of this document is to provide responsive information to Resolution 20190808-078 (Resolution), which directs the City Manager to support Council Roles in intergovernmental bodies involved in issues related to the climate crisis and to coordinate efforts with partners at the county, state, and federal levels to express the City's support for a national declaration of a climate emergency. In response to this resolution, the Intergovernmental Relations Office (IGRO) is providing support to Council Members Alter and Kitchen in their efforts to persuade the Texas Municipal League (TML) to include this declaration in the TML legislative program and has shared the resolution and the support of the City for state and federal action with state and federal delegation members.

In supporting the Council Member's effort to persuade the Texas Municipal League (TML), an intergovernmental body whose purpose is to provide services to Texas Cities and city offices, to include this declaration in the TML legislative program, a program which guides the League's advocacy efforts, IGRO has been providing consultation to the members regarding the process and will be providing staffing support during the deliberations. To be considered for inclusion in the TML legislative program, a delegate representing the City must attend the League's conference and participate in the resolution process. Council Member Kitchen will serve as the City's delegate at the League's annual conference on October 10th, 2019. At the conference, Council Member Kitchen will debate with conference attendees and argue the value of the resolution for inclusion in the program. Upon conclusion of the debate, delegates will vote on whether or not the resolution will be included in the program. Prior to the conference, IGRO staff will continue to assist Council Member Alter and Kitchen in preparing for the resolutions process. On the day of the conference, IGRO staff will attend and assist Council Member Kitchen during her deliberations before the resolutions committee.

In addition to engaging Council in other intergovernmental bodies involved in issues related to the climate crisis, the resolution also instructed that the City's support for a national declaration of a climate emergency be expressed to partners at the county, state and federal levels. The City's

county, state, and federal delegation members have been provided a copy of the Resolution and notified of the City's support for a declaration of a climate emergency.

Please contact Ida Musgrove, Deputy Intergovernmental Relations Officer, if you have further questions.

Thank you.

CC: Spencer Cronk, City Manager
Elaine Hart, Deputy City Manager