

RESOLUTION NO.

WHEREAS, homelessness is identified as a strategic outcome indicator in “Austin Strategic Direction 2023” and was identified by the City Council as the top priority for the City’s Strategic Plan; and

WHEREAS, the “Austin Strategic Housing Blueprint” Key Actions include investing in Housing for Those Most in Need,” which calls for Austin to adopt a balanced approach to provide affordable housing resources; and

WHEREAS, Permanent Supportive Housing services are appropriate for those qualify as chronically homeless and have a disability while Rapid Rehousing services more appropriate for those experiencing short-term homelessness or need less intensive support or intervention to stabilize into housing; and

WHEREAS, according the most recent “Homelessness in Austin/Travis County: Needs and Gaps Report” (March 2019) by Ending Community Homelessness Coalition, based on vulnerability 59% of households experiencing homelessness require Rehousing Services, 38% require Permanent Supportive Housing Services, and 3% require Minimal Housing Assistance and minimal support; **NOW THEREFORE**,

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

As part of the City's on-going work with its consultants, the City Council directs City Manager to work with Continuum of Care system providers to: 1) create another enrollment opportunity through the Coordinated Entry system for households

22 whose homelessness can be permanently ended by short-term, time-limited financial
23 assistance and case management services, generally lasting no less than three months and
24 no more than two years; and 2) target increased funding for rapid rehousing for those same
25 households.

26 The City Council directs the City Manager to increase funding for Permanent
27 Supportive Housing for households requiring longer and more intensive support including
28 permanent subsidies. The City Manager shall set a level of funding that will increase the
29 number of people served by Permanent Supportive Housing to the greatest extent possible.

30 The City Council intends for these funds to pay for case management, wrap-around
31 services and financial support for rental and other needs associated with Rapid Rehousing
32 and Permanent Supportive Housing programs.

33 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

34 The City Council directs the City Manager to assess the feasibility of city-funded
35 housing vouchers to support individuals exiting homelessness. The feasibility assessment
36 should address whether a voucher program could be tailored to serve: 1) rapid rehousing
37 clients who have not stabilized with short term assistance and require a longer term
38 subsidy, 2) permanent supportive housing clients who no longer require support services
39 and can live independently, but still need a housing subsidy, and 3) clients exiting
40 homelessness who have case management and related services but lack a housing subsidy.

42 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

43 The City Manager shall report the status of the items requested in this resolution
44 when the 2021 budget is delivered to council in July.

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City Clerk