

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

27 The City Council of the City of Austin directs the City Manager to prioritize
28 all necessary resources available to address the public health crisis and emergency
29 declaration related to COVID-19.

30 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

31 The City Council directs the City Manager to develop programs to support
32 Austinites that have been economically impacted by the public health crisis,
33 including, but not limited to, the small and local businesses and workers in the
34 creative, hospitality, service, music, and film industries and other associated
35 industries impacted by the COVID-19 related cancellation of major events,
36 including, but not limited to the 2020 SXSW Festival.

37 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

38 The City Council directs the City Manager to consider the following, but not
39 limited to:

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- 41 • Options that can help address short-term impacts while ensuring and
42 maintaining the long-term success and sustainability of the local
43 economy;
 - 44 • Options that can help individuals and small and local businesses directly
45 with financial assistance and continuity of service for utilities, housing,
46 and other basic necessities;
 - 47 • Reassess other uses of Hotel Occupancy Tax (HOT) spending that are not
48 currently assigned to active projects;
 - 49 • Delayed payment plans for HOT collections;
 - 50 • Where necessary, adjusting existing economic development, job
51 placement and workforce development programs to target the current
52 crisis; and

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- Coordinating with regional jurisdictions whose residents and businesses will also suffer economic consequences from the SXSW cancellation, especially where collaboration may advantage state and federal support.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

The City Council directs the City Manager to leverage all available state and federal options to help address the larger economic issues of COVID-19 related impacts and closures.

ADOPTED: _____, 2020

ATTEST: _____
Jannette S. Goodall
City Clerk

