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WHEREAS, the key priorities that emerged from this process included increasing capacity to lower wait times for behavioral health services, developing the ability to transport clients to the appropriate resource, providing shelter for individuals waiting for housing, and increasing diversion from the legal system; and

WHEREAS, Integral Care and the Downtown Austin Alliance have crafted a proposal to expand outreach and assistance for individuals experiencing homelessness who are in need of behavioral health resources; and

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20 **WHEREAS**, the Terrace at Oak Springs Clinic specializes in providing care to
21 individuals experiencing homelessness who also experience chronic health conditions,
22 substance use, or behavioral health issues; and

23 **WHEREAS**, the Specialty Intensive Integrated Management Treatment Team
24 would include five dedicated full-time employees to provide intensive case management
25 and housing navigation and one clinical psychiatrist to provide services to individuals
26 referred to the facility by HOST and DACC; and

27 **WHEREAS**, Integral Care estimates that the proposed Specialty Intensive
28 Integrated Management Treatment Team could treat between 150 and 175 individuals
29 annually; and

30 **WHEREAS**, as the draft budget in Exhibit A indicates, the proposal requires a
31 financial commitment of a little more than \$500,000 each fiscal year; and

32 **WHEREAS**, the Downtown Austin Alliance will commit \$170,000 in one-time
33 funding to this proposal for the first year, with the possibility of a recurring contribution
34 if needed; and

35 **WHEREAS**, our current homelessness response system cannot meet the demand
36 for behavioral health treatment by those experiencing homelessness, and additional
37 funding is warranted; and

38 **WHEREAS**, a partnership such as the Specialty Intensive Integrated Management
39 Treatment Team will leverage city funds to provide critical resources to our unhoused
40 neighbors; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

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

42 The City Manager is directed to support the proposed collaboration between the
43 DACC, HOST, and Integral Care and to identify any unencumbered funds that could help
44 fund the Specialty Intensive Integrated Management Treatment Team.

45 The City Manager is directed to provide an update regarding available funding to
46 Council no later than December 8, 2020, and, if funding is found, return with the
47 appropriate items to authorize this funding by December 10, 2020.

48 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

49 The City Manager is directed to identify potential partners and available resources
50 to expand this program to individuals experiencing homelessness in areas of the city
51 outside the Downtown area. The City Manager is directed to provide this information to
52 Council no later than January 5, 2021.

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56 **ADOPTED:** _____, 2020

ATTEST: _____

Jannette S. Goodall
City clerk