



## Recommendation for Action

**File #:** 21-1157, **Agenda Item #:** 32.

1/27/2021

### Posting Language

Authorize the negotiation and execution of all documents and instruments necessary or desirable to purchase in fee simple approximately 1.2230 acres of land and a building containing approximately 28,902 square feet out of the Francisco Garcia Survey No. 60, Abstract 312, in Travis County, Texas comprised of the remainder portion of that tract conveyed as 169,089 square feet to Joe David Ross, Trustee, per Volume 8954, Page 157, Real Property Records of Travis County, Texas, known locally as 13311 Burnet Road, Austin, TX 78727 from Visvanath LP., a Texas Limited Partnership, for a total amount not to exceed \$6,700,000, including closing costs.

### Lead Department

Office of Real Estate Services.

### Fiscal Note

Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 out of Housing and Planning Department 2018 General Obligation Bonds.

### Prior Council Action:

January 31, 2019, Council approved Resolution 20190131-078 relating to a pilot project to provide immediate shelter and support services for those experiencing homelessness on a 10-0 vote. Council Member Flannigan was off the dais.

June 6, 2019, Council approved Resolution 20190606-049 relating to implementing the responses directed in Council Resolution No. 20190131-078, including taking all actions necessary to implement the provision of immediate shelter structure(s) and services on a 10-0 vote. Council Member Harper-Madison was off the dais.

### For More Information:

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### Additional Backup Information:

According to Strategic Direction 2023, the issue of homelessness has been identified as the Council's top priority. The number of people experiencing homelessness in Austin continues to rise, with the Point-In-Time

Count reflecting an increase from 2,147 in 2018 to 2,255 in 2019 and 2,506 in 2020.

This action authorizes the negotiation and execution of a Purchase and Sale Agreement with Visvanath, LP., A Texas Limited Partnership. to acquire a building to provide housing and support services to those experiencing homelessness as part of the City's Motel Conversion Strategy. The acquisition will include approximately 28,902 square feet of commercial building space on a 1.2230 acre lot.

The Homeless Strategy Office, Housing and Planning Department and the Office of Real Estate Services have identified the building at 13311 Burnet Road as a property that would be able to provide housing and support

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services to those experiencing homelessness. The estimated purchase price, including closing costs and other related fees, is \$6,700,000.

**Strategic Outcome(s):**

Economic Opportunity and Affordability.