RESOLUTION NO.

2	WHEREAS, gun violence is preventable; and
3	WHEREAS, in recent years, gun violence has increased across the country
4	and in Austin, with most gun violence concentrated in our lowest-income
5	neighborhoods; and
6	WHEREAS, victims of one form of violence are two to three times more
7	likely to experience other forms of violence; and
8	WHEREAS, gun violence costs the public millions of dollars per year in
9	immediate response, physical and mental health care, criminal justice costs,
10	forgone earnings, and quality-of-life lost over a victim's lifespan; and
11	WHEREAS, in August 2019, City Council approved the creation of a Gun
12	Violence Task Force to advise the Council on potential actions the City can take to
13	reduce gun violence at the local level; and
14	WHEREAS, in July 2020, the Gun Violence Task Force released their final
15	report, which recommended investing in evidence-based violence prevention and
16	intervention programs; and
17	WHEREAS, violence interruption programs, such as Cure Violence, have
18	shown to reduce violence in major cities across the country; and
19	WHEREAS, in August 2020, City Council approved funding for violence
20	reduction strategies to be focused in areas most affected by violence; and
21	WHEREAS, on April 7, 2021, the White House announced billions of dollars
22	in increased funding for evidenced-based community violence intervention; and

WHEREAS, City Council has taken extensive action to address the
epidemic of gun violence including Resolution No. 20130228-035 signifying City
Council's intent to endorse efforts to develop a comprehensive approach to
reducing gun crime as well as Resolution Nos. 20161215-064, 20171207-054,
20180510-047, 20190808-149, 20190822-069, and 20210422-059, which directed
the City Manager to accelerate local efforts to combat gun violence; and
WHEREAS, the City of Austin is dedicated to preventing gun violence and
investing in violence prevention and intervention; NOW, THEREFORE,
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:
The City Council directs the City Manager to expedite the development and
implementation of community violence prevention and intervention programs this
fiscal year and to present options to increase funding for such programs in Fiscal
Year 2021-2022.
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:
The City Council directs the City Manager to explore all opportunities to
draw down newly available federal funds for violence prevention and intervention
programs.
ADOPTED:, 2021 ATTEST:
Jannette S. Goodall City Clerk