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25           **WHEREAS**, Austin Public Health proposed the creation of an  
26           Austin/Travis County Public Health Advisory Commission in 2017; and

27           **WHEREAS**, the Public Health Committee of the Austin City Council  
28           revisited the creation of an Austin/Travis County Public Health Advisory  
29           Commission in 2021; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

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

31           The City Manager is directed to collaborate with Travis County on the  
32           creation of a joint Austin/Travis County Public Health Commission to:

- 33           1. Monitor the public health status of Austin and Travis County;
- 34           2. Explore the best/evidence-based public health practices for areas that  
35           need improvement and provide recommendations;
- 36           3. Inform policy makers, administrators, and public health agencies at-  
37           large about the status of the public health system;
- 38           4. Provide an annual formal recommendation on the improvement of  
39           overall public health programs, projects, regulations, and services  
40           within the governing entities in the city and county;
- 41           5. Work to address health disparities that impact health outcomes for  
42           underserved patients and populations;
- 43           6. Gather input from the community on budget and programing  
44           recommendation to share with policy makers and health agencies  
45           annually; and
- 46           7. Report periodically to the Public Health Committee of the Austin City  
47           Council and to the Travis County Commissioners Court (or  
48           appropriate committee thereof).

49 The commission should be composed of a balanced and diverse membership  
50 that represents a broad range of health and human services interests and lived  
51 experiences, and should be provided with staff support by Austin Public Health.

52 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

53 The City Manager is directed to return to council before March 30, 2022,  
54 with a formal recommendation on the implementation of creating a joint  
55 Austin/Travis County Public Health Commission.

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57 **ADOPTED:** \_\_\_\_\_, 2021 **ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_  
58 Jannette S. Goodall  
59 City Clerk  
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