



CENTRAL HEALTH EQUITY POLICY COUNCIL

January 24, 2022

Dear Austin City Council,

On behalf of the Central Health Equity Policy (CHEP) Council, please accept this letter of support for the resolution put forth by Councilmember Kelly, Councilmember Fuentes, Councilmember Pool, and Councilmember Kitchen regarding the formalization of the City of Austin's Equity Office's role in the Emergency Operations Center. We also support the exploration of an advisory panel and how it could serve as the community voice for emergency management responses.

The CHEP Council's Pandemic Equity Committee's recommendations, rooted in research and lived-experiences, urge City Council to center equity in their disaster preparedness, response, and post-disaster healing efforts. This resolution advances these recommendations and will help with the implementation process.

We appreciate your consideration of this resolution and moving Austin toward a more equitable and inclusive city.

Sincerely,

Members of the CHEP Council:

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