



MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and Council Members

FROM: Juan Ortiz, Director *JMO*
Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management

DATE: February 1, 2022

SUBJECT: **Staff Response to Resolution to Provide Surplus Materials to our Sister City Saltillo, Coahuila, Mexico (No. 20210826-106)**

On August 26, 2021, Austin City Council passed Resolution No. [20210826-106](#) directing the City Manager to establish and implement a procedure for sending surplus medical, public health, and public safety equipment to our sister city Saltillo, Coahuila, Mexico.

In response, the Austin-Travis County Emergency Operations Center worked in consultation with Austin Public Health, the Capital Area Regional Trauma Advisory Council, our hospital systems, and other stakeholders to identify items that are no longer needed in the area to support our response to the COVID-19 pandemic and could be useful to other jurisdictions. The Austin-Travis County Emergency Operations Center logistics operation has been tracking and storing items that can be made available for donation and shared those items with officials in Saltillo who then identified what items they could utilize.

To date, the City of Austin has sent more than 5,000 items to Saltillo including face shields, masks, gloves, gowns, sanitizer, wheelchairs, and other various medical items. The final scheduled shipment of approximately 500 items happened on November 16, 2021.

Please contact Juan Ortiz at Juan.Ortiz@austintexas.gov if you have further questions.

CC: Spencer Cronk, City Manager
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