




## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Mayor and Council Members

**FROM:** Adrienne Sturrup, Director 

**DATE:** February 8, 2022

**SUBJECT:** Staff Update Resolution No. 20211021-028 Intersex Children Public Education Campaign

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On October 21, 2021, City Council passed Resolution No. 20211021-028 condemning non-consensual and medically unnecessary surgeries on intersex children and directing city staff to explore methods to implement a public education campaign to provide accurate information to doctors and parents regarding intersex healthcare.

In response to this resolution, Austin Public Health (APH) staff have conducted research and met with medical professionals. More specifically, APH staff have reviewed similar legislation passed in other states and municipalities, specifically in New York City and the State of California, and will reach out to Health departments in those states to learn more about their progress in implementing an intersex public education campaign.

Staff also met with a pediatric urologist, who offered medical expertise and a professional opinion on the adverse impacts of delayed treatment in complex and severe cases. The Societies for Pediatric Urology and American Urological Association, in a joint position, share the same perspective that early medical interventions such as surgical repairs in young children are an important option for parents.

Lack of understanding and knowledge of intersex healthcare can make the decision around surgeries for intersex children challenging, presenting complex medical and social issues. APH recognizes the importance of parents having access to accurate information to support informed decision-making and supporting health care professionals in providing culturally informed care. APH requests an extension to conduct peer city research and engage key stakeholders. APH will issue a final report with recommendations in July.

Should you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact my office at (512)972-5010 or email me at [Adrienne.Sturrup@austintexasgov](mailto:Adrienne.Sturrup@austintexasgov).

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