

WHEREAS, Austin suffers from a gap in intergenerational services and daycare for low-income seniors and children, particularly in low-income zip codes; and

WHEREAS, previous research identified that this projected growth will entail a disproportionate increase in the number of low-income and nursing-home-eligible seniors; and

WHEREAS, Austin has only one currently operating adult daycare center and insufficient services for seniors who need case management, and this service gap requires that Austin develop new and innovative ways to serve vulnerable senior populations, reduce system costs, and improve seniors' quality of life; and

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25 **WHEREAS**, in 2019 a team at the University of Texas Austin’s LBJ School
26 of Public Affairs led by Dr. Jacqueline Angel collaborated with Austin Public
27 Health (APH) to outline the objectives and logistics of a three-year IDC pilot
28 project to identify and evaluate locations for an IDC at City-owned properties in
29 the 78702 zip code; and in the spring of 2020, APH engaged the LBJ school team
30 to investigate the possibility of delivering IDC services in a space between 5,000
31 and 10,000 square feet; and

32 **WHEREAS**, in addition, in a presentation made to the Public Health
33 Committee in September of 2021, researchers at AGE of Central Texas identified
34 top zip codes that included the highest density of older adults living below the
35 200% federal poverty line and identified the area of 78753 as an additional location
36 in need of an Intergenerational Day Center due to its socioeconomic demographics
37 as it relates to income and seniors, as well as its classification as a childcare desert;
38 and

39 **WHEREAS**, the City-owned Nash Hernandez Building in 78702, located
40 across from the RBJ Center for Independent Living, comprises 10,000 square feet
41 and is currently designated in the Holly Shores Vision Plan Phase II as a space for
42 community use; and

43 **WHEREAS**, the IDC initiative and the Holly Shores Vision Plan share a
44 mutual aim of making the Nash Hernandez Building a center for community
45 activity, which will help support the City’s goals of providing age-friendly
46 activities and services for public use; and

47 **WHEREAS**, an IDC at the Nash Hernandez Building would address a
48 growing gap in adult daycare for an estimated 6,000 seniors in one of Austin’s

49 neediest communities, as well as providing childcare services for low-income
50 families; and

51 **WHEREAS**, locating the IDC at the Nash Hernandez Building has the
52 potential to serve nearby low-income seniors at the RBJ Center, aligns with the
53 goals of the Holly Shores Vision Plan, provides shared access for the neighborhood
54 through community spaces, and is well-located to serve all of Austin; and

55 **WHEREAS**, the LBJ School team has completed a design proposal for an
56 Intergenerational Resource and Activity Center (IRAC) that envisions the inclusion
57 of multipurpose elements such as community gardens and an outdoor gym and
58 kitchen that are desirable to community organizations beyond those involved in
59 intergenerational daycare services; and

60 **WHEREAS**, operational funding commitments for the IRAC pilot program
61 at Nash Hernandez have been secured from Family Eldercare and Meals on
62 Wheels of Central Texas and letters of support have been received from Open
63 Door Preschools, UT Austin's Priscilla Flawn Child and Family Laboratory, the
64 Texas Aging and Longevity Center, Drive-A-Senior, St. David's Foundation,
65 Austin Groups for the Elderly (AGE), and other partners; **NOW, THEREFORE,**

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

67 The City Manager is directed to study the feasibility and fiscal impact of
68 housing an Intergenerational Resource and Activity Center pilot program in the
69 Nash Hernandez Building, including the renovation of space in the building for
70 that purpose and to work in conjunction with the LBJ School team led by Dr.
71 Jacqueline Angel to identify the design, spatial needs, and operational
72 requirements of the prospective IRAC facility and pilot program.

73 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

74 The City Manager is further directed to survey City-owned parcels and
75 review co-location opportunities that would also be well-served by an IRAC in
76 collaboration with the LBJ School team led by Dr. Jaqueline Angel and community
77 partners in zip codes other than 78702.

78 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

79 The City Manager is further directed to complete the study and report back
80 to Council with an update on the survey and review by October 13, 2022, prior to
81 reviewing other, previously-contemplated designs efforts or renovations of the
82 Nash Hernandez Building.

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84 **ADOPTED:** _____, 2022 **ATTEST:** _____
85 Myrna Rios
86 City Clerk
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