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CM Tovo Budget Rider #1 - Tenant Relocation Ordinance Nexus Study

Co-sponsors: MPT Alter, CM Fuentes, CM Renteria, CM Vela

Background: Funding for the tenant relocation nexus study in the amount of \$165,000 was included in the FY 2019-20 Amended Budget for the Housing and Planning Department. In the FY 2020-21 Council Budget Q&A, staff confirmed that the study would be used to calculate a potential tenant relocation developer fee when a tenant is displaced per the definition in the ordinance. At that time, staff estimated it would take approximately 11 months to complete the study and the ordinance change: 5 months to solicit a consultant to complete the study, 4 months for completion of the nexus study, and 2 months to complete the ordinance change process.

Then, in the FY 2021-22 Council Budget Q&A, staff stated that they did not have near-term plans to initiate the previously contemplated nexus study nor did they have a timeline to bring forward an ordinance that would add the developer fee in the City's fee schedule. Funding of \$165,000 remained in the department's operating budget and still remains in the proposed FY 2022-23 budget for this purpose.

As the displacement of Austin residents continues to rise, completing this nexus study to inform the calculation of the developer fund fees is critical.

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

The City Manager is directed to complete the tenant relocation nexus study to calculate a potential tenant relocation developer fee when a tenant is displaced per the definition of the ordinance and to bring forward this information no later than April 1, 2023.