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RESOLUTION NO.

WHEREAS, Council has consistently identified ending homelessness as a top priority and has allocated funding from a variety of sources accordingly; and

WHEREAS, on November 8, 2022, Austin voters overwhelmingly approved Proposition A to provide \$350 million in new funding for planning, designing, acquiring, constructing, renovating, improving, and equipping affordable housing facilities for low and moderate income persons and families, and acquiring land and interests in land and property necessary to do so; funding loans and grants for affordable housing; and funding affordable housing programs, as may be permitted by law; and

WHEREAS, in order to achieve the community goals of addressing homelessness and scaling up Austin's Homelessness Response System, greater coordination and prioritization of available resources is required.

NOW, THEREFORE,

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

The City Manager is directed to conduct a review of affordable housing funding and homeless service operations for the development of recommendations for policies and procedures that would prioritize the funding of deeply affordable housing and supportive services in the Homeless Response System from all appropriate funding sources as permitted by law, including, but not limited to:

- prioritizing the use of joint funding solicitations that award capital, rental subsidies, and service funding;
- dedicating a minimum amount or percentage of affordable housing capital funding to subsidize "Continuum of Care (CoC)" and permanent supportive

housing units, both of which are set aside for individuals referred through the Homeless Response System's Coordinated Entry System;

- requiring that affordable housing projects funded through the City of Austin or the Austin Housing Finance Corporation include a minimum percentage of units accepting referrals via the Coordinated Entry System;
- revising funding program policies, underwriting guidelines, and/or scoring of proposals to prioritize projects including greater proportions of CoC units, and/or allow for deeper per-unit subsidies for those units; and
- providing incentives to affordable housing owners and/or property managers to make existing and available units accessible to the Homelessness Response System by committing to accepting referrals from the Coordinated Entry System.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED

The City Manager is directed to engage with affordable housing developers and service providers within the Homelessness Response System in the development of these recommendations and report back to Council with policy or rule changes, including any action that Council needs to take, by April 1, 2023.

ADOPTED: _____, 2022 **ATTEST:** _____

Myrna Rios
City Clerk