



MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: Dianna Grey, Homeless Strategy Officer 

DATE: December 7, 2022

RE: Resolution No. 20220728-095: **Homeless Point-in-time Counts**

On July 28, 2022, Council approved Resolution No. 20220728-095. The resolution formalizes the policy goal of ensuring Point-in-Time (PIT) Counts are completed in compliance with requirements from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The resolution also directs the City Manager to assist with the coordination of the PIT Count in 2023 and ensure that the City Council is briefed on the results of this and all future PIT Counts.

HUD requires that all Continuums of Care (CoCs) conduct an annual count of people experiencing homelessness who are sheltered in emergency shelter, transitional housing, and Safe Havens on a single night. Additionally, HUD requires all CoCs to conduct a count of unsheltered people experiencing homelessness every other year (odd numbered years). These counts are conducted in coordination with the Housing Inventory Chart (HIC), which is an annual point-in-time inventory of provider programs within a CoC that provide beds and units dedicated to serve people experiencing homelessness (and, for permanent housing projects, where they were homeless at entry, per the HUD homeless definition).

The Ending Community Homeless Coalition (ECHO) serves as the lead agency for the Austin/Travis County CoC and therefore coordinates the HIC & PIT Counts each year. In 2023, the PIT Count will be held on the evening of Friday, January 27, 2023. Additional information, including volunteer registration, may be found at this site: <https://www.austinecho.org/pit/>

The Homeless Strategy Division (HSD) has been coordinating with ECHO to ensure adequate volunteers are recruited for the event and marketing materials are distributed. Some staff from HSD will be volunteering in the overnight count, as well. Upon completion of the HIC and PIT reports, which will take several months to compile, HSD will ensure that the City Manager and City Council are briefed on the project's findings.

Please feel free to contact me at dianna.grey@austintexas.gov should you have questions.

cc: Spencer Cronk, City Manager
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