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WHEREAS, the Community Police Academy provides residents with an understanding of the operations of the Austin Police Department, and an opportunity to engage with police officers in a positive way; and

WHEREAS, the Community Police Academy serves as an important bridge between the Austin Police Department and the residents of Austin; and

WHEREAS, the Community Police Academy provides the opportunity for residents to interact with police officers; and

WHEREAS, the Community Police Academy is an important program for police-community relations; and

WHEREAS, the Austin Police Department's Citizen Police Academy was suspended in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic; **NOW, THEREFORE,**

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

The City Manager is hereby directed to review the feasibility of restarting the Austin Police Department's Community Police Academy as soon as practicable, including the feasibility of providing college credit or certification hours to individuals who successfully complete the Community Police Academy, and report findings back to the Council by May 22, 2023.

ADOPTED: _____, 2023 **ATTEST:** _____
Myrna Rios
City Clerk