



26           **WHEREAS**, the combined flood issues of many citywide properties with  
27 aging infrastructure, along with general creek and river flooding problems, have  
28 very high infrastructure costs associated with them, with estimates being in the  
29 hundreds of millions of dollars and associated flood damage to property and  
30 subsequent buyouts posing additional millions in costs; and

31           **WHEREAS**, annually Austin hosts a significant number of visitors and  
32 expects 750,000 new residents by 2040, many lacking knowledge of the flash flood  
33 risks in Central Texas and its potential impacts to life and property; and

34           **WHEREAS**, recent unprecedented winter storms have posed a threat to life  
35 and property as well as unprecedented tree damage leading to an accumulation of  
36 debris in creeks; and

37           **WHEREAS**, on April 21, 2023, President Biden declared that a major  
38 disaster exists in the State of Texas and ordered federal aid to supplement state and  
39 local recovery efforts in the areas affected by a severe winter storm from January  
40 30, 2023, to February 2, 2023, including Travis County; and

41           **WHEREAS**, a storm on the night of April 20, 2023, led to the flooding of  
42 over thirty houses in Austin, a flooding event likely exacerbated by additional  
43 damage and vegetation debris resulting from the January 30, 2023, to February 2,  
44 2023 winter storm; **NOW, THEREFORE,**

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

46           The City Manager is directed to accomplish the following within 14 days:

- 47           (A) Identify short-term and long-term federal, state, county, and City  
48 financial resources and tools to aid those affected by the April 20,  
49 2023, flooding as well as any others affected by recent flooding events  
50 and the January 2023 winter storm.

51 (B) Recommend a citywide outreach strategy to ensure all those affected  
52 by the flooding and storms are made aware of the resources in  
53 multiple languages and receive help applying for aid.

54 (C) Evaluate the possibility of allocating funding from the City to support  
55 flood victims in addressing damage- and disaster-incurred expenses if  
56 no other sufficient resources are available.

57 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

58 The City Manager is directed to return to Council on May 30, 2023, with an  
59 accelerated action plan for appropriate City departments, including Austin  
60 Resource Recovery, the Watershed Protection Department, and the Parks and  
61 Recreation Department, to assess and clean up creeks of vegetative debris in order  
62 to mitigate flood risk.

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65 **ADOPTED:** \_\_\_\_\_, 2023 **ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_

66 Myrna Rios  
67 City Clerk