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23           **WHEREAS**, in 2015, Safe Place was created by the Seattle Police  
24 Department to address low reporting of anti-LGBTQ+ crimes and to increase  
25 public trust in law enforcement and feelings of safety in the community; and

26           **WHEREAS**, in 2018, the Safe Place program was expanded to offer  
27 assistance to anyone who has been a victim of a bias crime; and

28           **WHEREAS**, in 2019, APD became the first police agency in Texas to  
29 implement the Safe Place designation program and the first in the world to offer  
30 the training in multiple languages, partnering with the business, faith, and non-  
31 profit communities that play a critical role in assisting the victims of these crimes;  
32 and

33           **WHEREAS**, businesses, faith organizations, and nonprofits can participate  
34 by placing a decal in a publicly visible area that alerts victims of hate crimes and  
35 bias incidents that this location has partnered with the police and that employees  
36 will call for medical or APD assistance, depending on the comfort level of the  
37 victim; and

38           **WHEREAS**, community spaces such as public libraries and recreation  
39 centers serve as reliable safe havens for many in the Austin community; and

40           **WHEREAS**, designating these community spaces as participants in the Safe  
41 Place program would increase public awareness of the resources available to report  
42 hate crimes and increase reporting of such crimes; **NOW, THEREFORE,**

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

44           The City Manager is directed to implement the designation of all in-use City  
45 recreation centers and public libraries as participants in the Safe Place program,

including ensuring that all staff members at each location have received Safe Place training prior to the designation of the facility.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

The Safe Place training shall be made available to recreation center and library staff on a quarterly basis.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

The City Manager is further directed to consult with the Safe Place Coordinator to establish a timeline for Safe Place designation for each location and to return to Council with an update on performance of this Resolution by November 15, 2023.

**ADOPTED:** \_\_\_\_\_, 2023    **ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Myrna Rios  
City Clerk