

RESOLUTION NO.

WHEREAS, the City of Austin and Travis County have worked collaboratively to address homelessness in the Central Texas region; and

WHEREAS, in 2021, the Travis County Supportive Housing Collaborative was formed by service providers, including SAFE Alliance, Lifeworks, Integral Care, Family Eldercare, Austin Area Urban League, and A New Entry, to develop several properties with units designed to provide housing and to support the needs of people experiencing homelessness: and

WHEREAS, Travis County has identified the Travis County Supportive Housing Collaborative for support using American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds and the supportive housing units are critical to achieving the community goals to address homelessness set out by Finding Home ATX; and

WHEREAS, there exists in the City of Austin a shortage of safe and sanitary housing available to lower income residents at rents they can afford; and

WHEREAS, the Housing Authority of Travis County, a Texas county housing authority ("HATC") has experience in providing, developing, financing, and managing housing projects that are affordable to lower income residents; and

WHEREAS, HATC proposes to plan, develop, finance, construct, rehabilitate, and operate multifamily rental housing projects to meet the affordable housing needs for low-income families and older residents in the City; and

WHEREAS, Texas Local Government Code, Section 392.017(a) requires a county housing authority to secure resolutions and agreements from the governing body of a municipality and the housing authority authorized to exercise its powers exclusively in the municipality; and

WHEREAS, HATC is partnering with other entities and proposes to develop housing at three sites within the City; and

WHEREAS, one proposed development will be located at 2824-2826 Real Street and will include approximately 300 total units, including 150 affordable units below 80% AMI and, of those 150 units, 60 will be very-low-income permanent supportive housing units (“Real Street Development”); and

WHEREAS, the Council hereby finds that authorizing HATC to participate in certain affordable housing developments with the consent of the Housing Authority of the City of Austin can serve the City’s need to provide safe and sanitary housing to lower income residents at rents they can afford; **NOW, THEREFORE,**

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

The Council declares a need for HATC to exercise its powers at the Real Street Development which is located within the city limits of Austin, Texas.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

The Council authorizes the City Manager or their designee to negotiate a cooperation agreement that documents the City's willingness to cooperate with HATC in its endeavor to provide housing for lower income persons at the Real Street Development. The Council authorizes the City Manager to execute the cooperation agreement if HACA approves a resolution and executes cooperation agreement for the same development.

ADOPTED: _____, 2023 **ATTEST:** _____

Myrna Rios
City Clerk