

City of Austin Planning Commission Austin City Hall 301 W. Second St, Austin, TX

July 24, 2023

## Dear Commissioners:

We are writing to express our support for item 25 on the agenda for July 25, 2023. AFSCME Local 1624 supports item 25 because we believe the information you are requesting of the interim city manager is critical to developing a long-term telework strategy that aligns with our climate and strategic mobility plan while ensuring the City delivers quality public services.

Travis County is in the process of creating a telework work plan that would designate 75% of eligible positions as remote work positions on a permanent basis. Their process is driven by data and best practices surrounding long-term telework strategies. The City of Austin should collect and review the same data, as mentioned in this item, or utilize the information the County has gathered.

Quick policy decisions were necessary during the pandemic, but now the City must develop a comprehensive, long-term telework strategy that will address the City's and residents' needs now and in the future.

Sincerely,

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