

1 **RESOLUTION NO.**

2 **WHEREAS**, Austin is currently in a housing crisis and is facing record high
3 rents and home values, while wages have not grown in proportion with the cost of
4 living for our working class families; and

5 **WHEREAS**, City Council is committed to creating and preserving
6 affordability for all Austinites; and

7 **WHEREAS**, Austin voters approved an historic \$350 million housing bond
8 in 2022, showing strong support for the efforts to achieve an Austin affordable to
9 everyone; and

10 **WHEREAS**, the use of the coordinated entry system prioritizes clients who
11 face the greatest risk of harm, death, or medical complications if their
12 homelessness were to continue, and is recognized as a necessary best-practice for
13 providing a data-driven, coordinated and collaborative response to homelessness;
14 and

15 **WHEREAS**, the Austin Prioritization Assistance Tool was developed
16 locally to improve on the Vulnerability Index (VI-SPDAT), and is now nationally
17 recognized for its innovative approach to addressing the racial and gender
18 inequities in the original vulnerability index, and, in light of the fact that Black
19 people are almost six times as likely to experience homelessness in Austin/Travis
20 County as their white counterparts, it is recognized that the use of the coordinated
21 entry system and, Austin Prioritization Assistance Tool, is vital to any attempt to
22 provide racially equitable access to housing for persons exiting homelessness; and
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24 **WHEREAS**, the 2022 housing bond is a unique opportunity to secure
25 capital for permanent supportive housing in alignment with the coordinated entry
26 system; and

27 **WHEREAS**, the City Manager’s proposed budget allocates \$10 million of
28 the 2022 housing bonds to fund permanent supportive housing; **NOW**,
29 **THEREFORE**,

30 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL:**

31 The City Manager is directed to fund a minimum of \$10 million of
32 permanent supportive housing projects through the 2022 housing bond in Fiscal
33 Year 2023-24.

34 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

35 A project funded from the \$10 million set aside by this Resolution must
36 agree to coordinate with the Continuum of Care and to participate in the
37 Coordinated Entry system.

38 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

39 If a permanent supportive housing project is currently in the process of
40 applying for funding from the 2022 housing bond, the project is not precluded
41 from receiving 2022 housing bond funding.

42 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

43 This direction does not preclude the City Manager from funding more than
44 \$10 million of permanent supportive housing projects in the future, including but
45 not limited to the 2022 housing bond.

47 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

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49 If the City Manager does not expect to be able to meet the minimum
50 allocated in this resolution by the third quarter of Fiscal Year 2023-24, the City
51 Manager is directed to return to City Council for further direction.

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53 **ADOPTED:** _____, 2023 **ATTEST:** _____
54 Myrna Rios
55 City Clerk
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