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25 organizations unite to support and enhance the accessibility and inclusivity of the
26 playground; and

27 **WHEREAS**, the All-Abilities Playground initiative serves as an integral
28 component of the broader efforts by the City to enhance the accessibility and
29 inclusivity of public spaces, reinforcing Austin's reputation as a progressive and
30 welcoming community; and

31 **WHEREAS**, the All-Abilities Playground will not only benefit individuals
32 with disabilities but will also educate the broader community about the value of
33 diversity and the importance of inclusive design in public spaces; and

34 **WHEREAS**, the establishment of an All-Abilities Playground aligns with
35 the principles of universal design, aiming to create an environment that
36 accommodates the widest range of abilities and ages and serves as a model for
37 future playground developments across the City; and

38 **WHEREAS**, an All-Abilities Playground will enhance the quality of life for
39 residents in northwest Austin by offering a unique and enriching environment that
40 promotes play, learning, and positive interactions among community members; and

41 **WHEREAS**, the Round Rock Play for All Park has demonstrated the
42 profound impact that a well-designed, fully accessible play facility can have on a
43 community, serving as a safe and engaging space for children of all abilities in
44 Round Rock and the broader Williamson County area; and

45 **WHEREAS**, Round Rock Park's innovative funding model, which includes
46 community partnerships and public engagement, has proven effective in garnering
47 financial support and sustaining ongoing development, contributing to the
48 expansion and enhancement of the park's amenities and offerings; and

49 **WHEREAS**, the preliminary budget estimate for the design and
50 construction of the All-Abilities Playground at Springwoods Neighborhood Park is
51 projected to be between three million and four million dollars; and

52 **WHEREAS**, existing funding sources, including parkland dedication fees,
53 are insufficient to fully support the project, and additional funding avenues,
54 including partnerships with nonprofit organizations, need to be explored; and

55 **WHEREAS**, the City recognizes the importance of collaborating with
56 community stakeholders, including but not limited to the Austin Parks Foundation,
57 to ensure the successful realization of the All-Abilities Playground initiative; and

58 **WHEREAS**, partnerships between the City and nonprofit organizations will
59 amplify the community's ability to secure the necessary financial resources to
60 construct and maintain the All-Abilities Playground, thereby spreading the benefits
61 of the project throughout the City; **NOW, THEREFORE,**

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

63 The City Manager is directed to determine the necessary resources and costs
64 associated with the completion of the Play for All Abilities Playground at
65 Springwoods Neighborhood Park, including potential design, construction, and
66 ongoing maintenance expenses.

67 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

68 The City Manager is further directed to explore partnerships with nonprofit
69 organizations to meet the financial needs of the All-Abilities Playground project.
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71 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

72 The City Manager is further directed to engage with relevant stakeholders,
73 including the Austin Parks Foundation and other local nonprofit partners, to
74 identify and secure funding opportunities that will contribute to the successful
75 implementation of the project and to actively seek opportunities to leverage public
76 funds with funds from nonprofit organizations to maximize the impact of the
77 project.

78 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

79 The City Manager is further directed to issue a public memorandum
80 detailing the findings and progress of the exploration of funding options for the
81 All-Abilities Playground initiative by November 29, 2023.

82 **ADOPTED:** _____, 2023 **ATTEST:** _____
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84 Myrna Rios
85 City Clerk
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