




MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and Council Members

FROM: Adrienne Sturup Director, Austin Public Health 

THROUGH: Stephanie Hayden-Howard, LMSW, Assistant City Manager

DATE: November 20, 2023

SUBJECT: Response to Intersex Children Public Education Campaign (Resolution 20211021-028)

On October 21, 2021, The City Council passed [Resolution No. 20211021-028](#) condemning nonconsensual and medically unnecessary surgeries on intersex children and directing the City Manager to explore methods to implement a public education campaign to provide accurate, affirming information to doctors and parents regarding intersex healthcare. This memorandum serves as an update to the resolution.

Austin Public Health explored methods to design and implement a public education campaign, however, the Texas State Legislature passed [Senate Bill 14 \(88th Reg. Leg. Sess.\)](#), which prevents the City from engaging in this action. Due to this legislative action, the City is unable to proceed with the Council's request.

Should you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact my office at (512)972-5010 or email me at Adrienne.Sturup@austintexasgov.

cc: Jesús Garza, City Manager
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