

Joint Sustainability Committee
RECOMMENDATION 20240124-XXX

Date: January 24, 2024

Subject: Recommendations on amendments to the Austin Climate Equity Plan on telework and disposal rate goals

Motioned By:

Seconded By:

Recommendation:

The Joint Sustainability Committee recommends and supports the following updates to the Austin Climate Equity Plan:

1. Adding language to explicitly support telework policies as outlined in City Council [Resolution No. 20231109-029](#).
2. Amend Food and Production Consumption Goal 3 on page 75 to reflect the disposal rate goals in the 2023 Austin Resource Recovery Comprehensive Plan adopted by Council [Resolution No. 20231102-002](#).
 - a. Current language: “Aggressively pursue waste reduction, organics composting, and recycling to achieve a new zero-waste goal following adoption of the new Austin Resource Recovery Zero Waste Plan*.”
**The new community-wide per capita disposal rate goal will be added as an amendment to this plan when available.*
 - b. Recommended language: “Aggressively pursue waste reduction, organics composting, and recycling and maintain a per capita disposal rate of 4 pounds disposed per ARR-serviced household per day in the near-term and work to achieve 1 pound disposed per ARR-serviced household per day over time.”

Rationale:

1. The Joint Sustainability Committee supports expanded support and encouragement for telework for the reasons described in Joint Sustainability Committee [Recommendation 20230628-4](#).
2. The Joint Sustainability Committee recognizes that product consumption is a significant source of greenhouse gas emissions. The addition of the disposal rate goals reflects this fact and was envisioned in the drafting of the Austin Climate Equity Plan. Page 75 of the

Plan states *“The new community-wide per capita disposal rate goal will be added as an amendment to this plan when available.”*