



MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and Council Members

FROM: Mandy DeMayo, Director, Housing Department *Mandy DeMayo*

DATE: January 24, 2024

SUBJECT: Staff Update to Resolution 20230223-043: Affordable Student Housing Deadline Extension Request

The Housing Department will be extending the response deadline for [Resolution No. 20230223-043](#), relating to the establishment of a City goal for delivering affordable and accessible student housing and the exploration of opportunities for increasing the supply of student housing near institutions of higher learning within the City, to April 30, 2024. This extension accommodates scheduling difficulties that have been encountered and allows for appropriate diligence to thoroughly complete the remaining work.

Thus far, our team has completed the following activities:

- Kickoff Meeting with Leadership from all five institutions was held on July 26, 2023;
- Needs Assessment, including analysis of data from institutions.
- [Student Housing in Austin public input website](#) and Student Survey launched on September 26, 2023; we have received 824 responses from current students and the survey remains open;
- Student Focus Group Meetings – November 13th and 15th 2023;
- College Student Commission Meeting – November 30, 2023; and
- One-on-one meetings with institutions of higher learning (three of five completed).

The extension will allow us to complete the following remaining work:

- Meeting with the reconvened College Student Commission;
- Conducting remaining two one-on-one meetings with institution leadership; and
- Finalizing recommendations with input and review from the College Student Commission and institutions of higher learning.

Should you have questions, feel free to contact me at please contact me at 512-974-1091 or Mandy.DeMayo@austintexas.gov.

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