

WHEREAS, the area in and around the 78702 zip code (the “Greater 78702 Area”) is composed of some of the City’s most diverse and eclectic neighborhoods, longstanding community networks, and historic community assets; and

WHEREAS, even in the face of displacement and institutional neglect, community networks and pillar organizations such as Six Square, Austin Revitalization Authority, Austin Area Urban League, Austin NAACP, Greater Austin Black Chamber of Commerce, Blackland Community Development Corporation, Guadalupe Neighborhood Development Corporation, and Huston Tillotson University have advocated for, preserved, and continued to activate community assets like parkland, privately-owned historic structures, and publicly owned land; and

WHEREAS, current and future use of City-owned land, infrastructure, planning, and regional investment would be improved by a holistic vision for the Greater 78702 Area; and

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health facilities, neighborhood centers, recreation centers, and school facilities such as but not limited to:

- Fleet Services property located at 12th and Hargrave,
- Millenium Youth Entertainment Complex,
- George Washington Carver Museum and Genealogy Center,
- Carver Library,
- Terrazas Library,
- Cepeda Library,
- Givens Park and Pool,
- Rosewood Park and Pool,
- Deloris Duffle Recreation Center,
- Doris Miller Auditorium,
- Boggy Creek Greenbelt,
- Parque Zaragoza and Parque Zaragoza Recreation Center,
- Pan American Park, Hillside Theater, and Oswaldo “A.B.” Cantu Pan American Recreation Center,
- Chestnut Pocket Park,
- Metz Park and Rudolfo “Rudy” Mendez Recreation Center,
- Comal Park,

- Edward Rendon Sr. Park Festival Beach, Town Lake Metro Park,
- Properties being improved and expanded upon by the Housing Authority of the City,
- Austin Independent School District (“Austin ISD”) campus facilities (including Blackshear Elementary School, Yellow Jacket Stadium, Zavala Elementary School, Metz Elementary School, Kealing Middle School, Oak Springs Elementary School, Martin Middle School, Eastside Memorial High School),
- Austin Community Collage Eastview,
- Huston-Tillotson University,
- Down’s Field,
- Willie May Kirk Library,
- The Terrace at Oak Springs,
- Connie Yearwood House, and
- historic cemeteries; and,

WHEREAS, examples of privately-owned facilities and properties that contribute to the Greater 78702 Area include but are not limited to properties listed in the East Austin Historic Resources Survey and others such as:

- I.Q. Hurdle House,
- Southgate Lewis House,
- Limerick-Frazier House,
- King-Tears Mortuary,

- The community center located at 1192 Angelina Street,
- Thompson Home,
- Wesley United Methodist Church,
- Simpson United Methodist Church,
- Texas Music Museum,
- 1170 San Bernard Street,
- Colored Teachers State Association of Texas building,
- Ebenezer Third Baptist Church,
- Victory Grill,
- Haynes-Delashwah house,
- Mount Olive Baptist Church,
- Metropolitan African Methodist Episcopal Church,
- Our Lady Of Guadalupe Catholic Church,
- Sing Family House,
- Lung House, and
- Herrera House; and,

WHEREAS, local institutions of education with real assets or longstanding ties to the Greater 78702 Area include:

- Huston-Tillotson University,
- Austin Community College,
- Austin ISD,
- The University of Texas at Austin; and,

89 **WHEREAS**, regional institutions with real assets or populations serviced in
90 the Greater 78702 Area include:

- 91 • Central Health,
- 92 • Integral Care, and
- 93 • Travis County; and,

94 **WHEREAS**, the City is currently in the final stages of redeveloping the last
95 City-owned property along the East 11th Street Corridor in partnership with the
96 City’s Urban Renewal Board and Austin Economic Development Corporation
97 (“AEDC”); and

98 **WHEREAS**, this redevelopment effort, commonly known as “Blocks 16
99 and 18”, will have an impact on the future of development and community benefits
100 in the Greater 78702 Area; and

101 **WHEREAS**, the City is partnering with AEDC on other initiatives in the
102 Greater 78702 Area and AEDC could play an important role providing
103 professional expertise in coordinating the many public assets and potential
104 redevelopment strategies; and

105 **WHEREAS**, private property owners along East 12th Street have previously
106 produced a vision plan that illustrates the wide variety of community benefits, safer
107 streets, and increased attainable housing possible when an area-wide approach to
108 planning communities is undertaken; and

109 **WHEREAS**, recent amendments to the East 11th and 12th Street
110 Neighborhood Combined Conservation District permitted a greater diversity of
111 uses and development; and

112 **WHEREAS**, the planned demolition and reconstruction of the I-35 corridor
113 will present both great challenges and opportunities for the Greater 78702 Area;
114 and

115 **WHEREAS**, the Texas Department of Transportation (“TxDOT”) has
116 agreed to include certain components in its reconstruction of I-35 that will
117 reconnect Central and East Austin – a disconnect that is a daily reminder of the
118 historic racism and divisions that were inflicted on Austin’s black and brown
119 communities; and

120 **WHEREAS**, a comprehensive approach to planning for the Greater 78702
121 Area could leverage, restore, and preserve its history and community character;
122 and

123 **WHEREAS**, this comprehensive approach, if properly supported, funded,
124 and staffed by the City and its regional partners, would allow for greater
125 community empowerment and service to past, present, and future residents; and

126 **WHEREAS**, tangential initiatives like the Waterloo Greenway, the Austin
127 Convention Center redevelopment project (including the potential for a downtown
128 public market), and Project Connect would benefit from a comprehensive planning
129 effort with the Greater 78702 Area and help ensure equitable transit and trail
130 connectivity; and

131 **WHEREAS**, the Equity-Based Preservation Plan outlines strategies and
132 tools for preserving important buildings, places, and cultural heritage; stabilizing
133 communities; furthering environmental sustainability; and other goals in this
134 Resolution, in collaboration with community members and organizations; and
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136 **WHEREAS**, existing historic preservation and cultural activation efforts
137 like the Equity-based Preservation Plan and African American Cultural Heritage
138 District would also benefit from the programmatic support envisioned with a
139 comprehensive planning effort; and

140 **WHEREAS**, future public land redevelopment, including redevelopment of
141 the existing Fleet Services facility on East 12th and Hargrave, would benefit from
142 a holistic approach versus an isolated Request for Proposals or planning exercise;
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144 **WHEREAS**, efforts to revitalize and improve existing community assets
145 like the Millenium Youth Entertainment Complex would benefit from area-wide
146 programmatic support and long-range plan; and

147 **WHEREAS**, existing collaborative-jurisdictional efforts like the Northeast
148 Planning District in Northeast Travis County could provide a template for
149 increased local collaboration in historic preservation, public land development, and
150 community restoration; **NOW THEREFORE,**

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

152 The City Manager is directed to catalogue all publicly owned land and
153 assets, along with the current and potential uses for each; existing and planned
154 public programming; and relevant planning efforts within or affecting the Greater
155 78702 Area (the “Public Assets”).

156 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

157 The City Manager is directed to develop recommendations about how the
158 City can coordinate the planning, development, preservation, and activation of the
159 Public Assets and privately held, but publicly meaningful, properties in the Greater

78702 Area (the “Initiative”), including a proposed timeline for the Initiative, funding and other resources that are available for the Initiative, and any resource or funding gaps that will prevent implementation of the Initiative.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

The City Manager is directed to include anti-displacement strategies, attainable housing, historic preservation, and local economic opportunity in the recommendations made in relation to the Initiative.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

The City Manager is directed to identify any funding, staffing, or other resource shortfalls for existing efforts within the Greater 78702 Area such as but not limited to the African American Cultural Heritage District.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

The City Manager is directed to identify a combination of existing advisory boards, or propose a new community advisory entity, that can provide ongoing direction for the holistic stewardship, activation, and support of publicly held assets and initiatives within the Greater 78702 Area.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

The Initiative should reflect and complement collaborative planning efforts like those recently initiated in the Northeast Planning District.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

The City Manager is directed to coordinate this holistic planning effort in the Greater 78702 Area with TxDOT’s reconstruction of the I-35 corridor to ensure that, both during and after the construction period, stakeholders including past

183 residents, existing residents, property owners, and businesses are included in
184 planning efforts such as the one envisioned in this Resolution and that their
185 recommendations are incorporated into the long-range vision for the corridor.

186 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

187 The City Manager is directed to return with any initial findings and a
188 recommended implementation plan for the Initiative no later than February 2025 to
189 the Housing and Planning Committee of Austin City Council.

190 **ADOPTED:** _____, 2024 **ATTEST:** _____
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192 Myrna Rios
193 City Clerk
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