

26 **WHEREAS**, the need for emergency homeless shelter will persist even
27 when all of the scheduled 1,209 PSH units are open; and

28 **WHEREAS**, on April 18, 2024, City Council approved a \$500,000 eight-
29 month contract extension with Family Endeavors to continue operating the
30 Marshalling Yard through March 2025; and

31 **WHEREAS**, the City Manager has not identified an alternative emergency
32 shelter site; and

33 **WHEREAS**, with the imminent Marshalling Yard closure, the Homeless
34 Strategy Office is beginning to curb new shelter intake and shelter beds must be
35 held for the approximately 260 people still housed at the Marshalling Yard; and

36 **WHEREAS**, the reduced shelter intake hinders efforts, such as the
37 Homeless Encampment Assistance Link (or HEAL) initiative and Austin Fire
38 Department high wildfire risk operations, to relocate people who are living
39 unsheltered in unsafe environments; and

40 **WHEREAS**, the City is committed to building a Homelessness Response
41 System that makes homelessness rare, brief, and nonrecurring; **NOW**,
42 **THEREFORE**,

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

44 The City Manager is directed to identify funding to keep the Marshalling
45 Yard open and operational until an alternative emergency shelter site is identified
46 and operational.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

The City Manager is directed to develop a strategy to improve the rate of positive exits from the Marshalling Yard to permanent housing.

ADOPTED: _____, 2024 **ATTEST:** _____

Myrna Rios
City Clerk

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