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WHEREAS, the City of Austin is approaching the end of the ten-year planning horizon established in the Austin Strategic Housing Blueprint, released in 2017, creating a need for updated goals and strategies; and

WHEREAS, the most recent Annual Blueprint Scorecard indicates that while the City has made significant progress in expanding the affordable housing supply, additional housing is needed across income levels, with a particular need to increase the supply of units affordable to households earning below 30 percent MF family-sized units, and units located in high-opportunity areas, underscoring the need for updated goals and strategies responsive to current market conditions; and

WHEREAS, the City has been awarded a six-year U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Pro Housing Grant that provides resources and technical assistance to enhance housing planning and implementation; and

WHEREAS, major transit investments are underway and are expected to significantly influence land use patterns and long-term planning priorities, employment and housing opportunities, and access to public amenities, critical services, and other assets that impact quality of life; and

WHEREAS, the City has expanded displacement prevention efforts to support residents impacted by increasing housing costs and development pressures; and

WHEREAS, housing conditions have shifted and will continue to shift due to changes in market dynamics, demographic trends, and economic factors, creating a need to reassess the City's ability to provide a variety of affordable and attainable housing strategies;

WHEREAS, recent City analyses and tools, including the Housing Blueprint Progress Report, Blueprint Scorecards, and the Housing Market Analysis and the forthcoming updated Opportunity Index, provide updated data and insights regarding housing needs, access to opportunity, performance toward existing goals, and market capacity for producing and preserving affordable and attainable housing; and

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN initiates an update to the Austin Strategic Housing Blueprint directing the City Manager to incorporate:

- Updated affordable and attainable housing production and preservation goals that reflect the diversity of current and future community needs, market conditions, and available resources;
- Data analysis of housing needs, supply and demand, and growth patterns using population and demographic projections, development pipelines, planned infrastructure

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investments, and employment trends so that housing strategies can be considered and adapted over time;

- Displacement prevention strategies informed by recent data, projected demographic and housing trends, best practices, and ongoing community engagement;
- Strategies to expand housing affordability, attainability, and stability for renters and owners through public and private partnerships, including cross-departmental coordination and collaboration with community organizations, institutions, and residents.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the updated Blueprint shall be completed in time to inform a potential 2028 bond program, providing Council and the community with current data, goals, and investment priorities necessary for bond development; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City's affordable housing needs shall be incorporated into Imagine Austin and support a more equitable distribution of land uses that enable a greater variety of housing options across the city, advancing access to affordable and attainable housing opportunities for community members citywide.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Manager is directed to engage stakeholders and provide regular updates to Council throughout the planning process, ensuring the resulting plan is inclusive, actionable, and aligned with the City's long-term vision.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Manager is directed to establish clear parameters for annual reporting on the updated Blueprint goals, including identifying the metrics, datasets, and evaluation methods necessary for Council to assess progress, understand emerging challenges, and anticipate future demographics, economic trends, and housing conditions to inform ongoing policy decisions and future updates to the Annual Blueprint Scorecards.

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