CM Alter Motion 1

Posting: Approve a resolution that directs the City Manager to update the City's Strategic Housing Blueprint to address updated housing production and preservation goals, include a data analysis, displacement and other strategies, consideration for a potential bond program, engage stakeholders and report back to Council.

RESOLUTION NO.

WHEREAS, the City of Austin is approaching the end of the ten-year planning horizon established in the Austin Strategic Housing Blueprint ("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 family-sized units affordable to households earning below 30 percent median family income, and units located in high-opportunity areas, underscoring the need for updated goals and strategies responsive to current market conditions; and

WHEREAS, the City of Austin has worked collaboratively with Travis County on past Comprehensive Housing Market Studies to reflect the regional nature of the housing market and form the basis for analysis and strategy; and

WHEREAS, the City of Austin and Travis County have also worked collaboratively to fund supportive housing and build out a balanced homelessness response system (HRS), and Council passed Resolution 20210610-085 to coordinate with Williamson and Hays County on future investments as well; and

WHEREAS, Council first set targets for supportive housing for people experiencing homelessness in 2010 with Resolution 20100325-053 and has

periodically updated these targets with the most recent amendment to the Housing Blueprint in 2021 with Resolution 20210520-039; and

WHEREAS, the 2025 Ending Community Homelessness Coalition (ECHO) annual report on the State of the [HRS] System set numerical targets for housing and other interventions, and the 2026 report reiterates the recommendation of investing in service gaps and housing pathways for vulnerable groups like youth, survivors, and the medically complex; and

WHEREAS, Council adopted Resolution 20260507-025 directing the development of strategies targeting housing interventions for the unique needs of transition-age youth with foster care history; and

WHEREAS, Council adopted Resolution 20230223-043 directing the City Manager to collaborate with area institutions of higher education to develop targets and strategies for delivering housing that meets the unique needs of student populations; and

WHEREAS, Council adopted Resolution 20250911-041, which directs the City Manager to explore opportunities to create new, or enhance existing, housing preservation programs and funding mechanisms with the aim of investing in and preserving naturally occurring affordable housing (NOAH) that is safe and a sound investment for organizations such as the Texas Housing Conservancy; and

WHEREAS, the Council has passed numerous resolutions seeking to develop affordable housing on publicly owned land, including the recent adoption of Resolution 20260507-024 which asks for an inventory and analysis of development potential of City owned properties; 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; and

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

WHEREAS, on October 13, 2026, the Housing and Planning Committee recommended the Council adopt this Resolution; **NOW, THEREFORE,**

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

The City Manager is directed to engage with regional partners to guide elements of the ~~prepare an~~ update to the Blueprint for Council approval that addresses the following:

- 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 investments, and employment trends so that housing strategies can be considered and adapted over time;
- Policy options for sustainable funding for the housing trust fund and associated programs such as local housing vouchers and project-based supportive services;
- Targets and strategies for supportive housing that results in a balanced system flow for people experiencing homelessness;
- Targets and strategies for housing that are tailored to specific populations such as victims of domestic violence, youth, people with complex medical needs, and student populations;
- Analysis of the affordable housing realized on city-owned land, a review of development approaches available for these projects, and the potential for public properties that have been land-banked or identified in the economic development process;
- 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 with an emphasis on upstream interventions such as eviction and foreclosure prevention.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED

The City Council wants the Blueprint updated so that it can inform a potential 2028 bond program, providing Council and the community with current data, goals, and investment priorities necessary for bond development. The City Manager's recommendations for the upcoming affordable housing bond program should not be limited to past program selections, but should also explore City financial support for preservation of NOAH properties.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED

It is City Council's goal for the updated Blueprint to 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.

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

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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.

ADOPTED: _____, 2026 **ATTEST:** _____
Erika Brady
City Clerk

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