

RESOLUTION NO.

WHEREAS, consistent with its goal to make Austin the most livable city in the country, the Austin City Council adopted Resolution No. 20050519-44 in May 2005 supporting the United Nations Environmental Accord and committed itself to achieving a 20% reduction in per capita solid waste disposal to landfills and incinerators by 2012, and Zero Waste to landfills and incinerators by 2040; and

WHEREAS, Zero Waste is an ambitious goal to divert 90% of waste from landfills and incinerators by 2040 using a “whole system” approach to evaluate and manage the flow of resources and waste created by our communities; and

WHEREAS, Austin is part of a regional waste management system located within the Capital Area Planning Council of Governments (CAPCOG) region; and

WHEREAS, as the Capital Area continually grows, outpacing other Texas communities, the region will be faced with a need to expand existing landfills, open new landfills, or divert a drastic amount of waste from current landfills to properly ensure the health and safety of the region. Austin’s Zero Waste Plan seeks to extend the life of existing landfills while acknowledging that a certain amount of residual waste is inevitable; and

WHEREAS, in 2007, the City hired Gary Liss and Associates to work with community members and develop a Zero Waste Strategic Plan (Exhibit A); **NOW, THEREFORE**,

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

The City Council adopts the Zero Waste Strategic Plan recognizing that the Policy and Program Recommendations identified in Section C of the Plan will likely necessitate changes to rules, ordinances, and/or policies, and will further require collaborating with key stakeholders to ensure successful implementation.

ADOPTED: _____, 2008 **ATTEST:** _____

Shirley A. Gentry
City Clerk