

RESOLUTION NO.

WHEREAS, the Comprehensive Housing Market Study, commissioned by the City of Austin in 2009, identified very low-income renters as one of the most underserved populations in the market overall and found that there is a tremendous need for rental housing affordable to those earning 0-30% of the area's median family income; and

WHEREAS, Permanent Supportive Housing is an effective way to help very low-income families with multiple barriers to housing stability by linking a range of support services that enable tenants, especially the able homeless, to live independently and participate in community life; and

WHEREAS, on March 25, 2010, the Austin City Council passed Resolution 20100325-053 directing the City Manager to give priority to the funding of permanent supportive housing and to develop a comprehensive strategy for the construction and operation of 350 permanent supportive housing units over the next four years; and

WHEREAS, on September 30, 2010, to implement this council directive, the City Manager produced the Permanent Supportive Housing Strategy, which identifies community outreach, education, and collaborative two-way communication as critical components to the success of any permanent supportive housing effort; and

WHEREAS, the Austin Neighborhoods Council, which represents approximately 90 neighborhood associations across Austin, has adopted two resolutions supporting 'policies that will increase the quantity and quality of

affordable housing for low and middle-income households throughout the municipality’ and ‘projects providing housing for the homeless that is dispersed throughout Austin’; and

WHEREAS, a broad community dialogue that includes stakeholders from neighborhoods all across Austin is needed to establish successful approaches for integrating low-income housing throughout the city; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

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

That the City Manager is directed to research best practices from other cities on engaging communities and building support for permanent supportive housing projects.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

The City Manager shall report his findings and recommendations to the Comprehensive Planning and Transportation Subcommittee by March 7, 2011 wherein the committee members will receive public comment and identify a schedule for additional community dialogue. The stakeholder discussion should start no later than March 21, 2011.

ADOPTED: _____, 2011 **ATTEST:** _____

Shirley A. Gentry
City Clerk