

RESOLUTION NO.

WHEREAS, the City of Austin established the Downtown Austin Community Court (DACC) to address quality of life issues for the downtown area through effective and creative sentencing of misdemeanor offenders; and

WHEREAS, Project Recovery is a collaborative effort between the City of Austin, Travis County, and Austin Travis County Integral Care; and

WHEREAS, the Project Recovery program is an alternative form of sentencing that includes a treatment model encompassing intensive case management, healthcare, employment assistance, and other measures supporting participants' reintegration into the community; and

WHEREAS, the City of Austin provides significant funding towards the Project Recovery program; and

WHEREAS, while Travis County has had priority in referring people to Project Recovery, the DACC started referring some offenders to Project Recovery in 2010; and

WHEREAS, the DACC recently added new staff members to work on case management and is capable of assessing which frequent offenders could benefit from Project Recovery; and

WHEREAS, on January 19, 2011, the Downtown Austin Community Court Advisory Committee recommended that the DACC accept a proposal to

assume responsibility for all referrals and placements to Project Recovery;

NOW, THEREFORE,

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

The City Manager is directed to examine any agreements and contracts regarding the City-County partnership in Project Recovery, identify any contractual changes needed to allow the DACC to make direct referrals to Project Recovery, and consider the potential impacts of any such changes. The City Manager shall report back to Council by April 28, 2011.

ADOPTED: _____, 2011 **ATTEST:** _____
Shirley A. Gentry
City Clerk