

RESOLUTION NO. _____

WHEREAS, the City of Austin’s Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise and Small Business Enterprise Procurement Program Advisory Committee (the “Advisory Committee”) was appointed by the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the Advisory Committee’s tasks include reviewing the City Manager’s annual reports detailing the City of Austin’s utilization of Minority-Owned Business Enterprises (“MBEs”) and Women-Owned Business Enterprises (“WBEs”), providing recommendations to the City Manager regarding monthly staff reports relating to the City of Austin’s MBE/WBE Program, and recommending changes to the rules and regulations governing the City of Austin’s MBE/WBE Program; and

WHEREAS, the Advisory Committee receives monthly reports from the Department of Small and Minority Business Resources (“SMBR”) and is aware of the positive economic impact SMBR has on the local construction industry; and

WHEREAS, SMBR has greatly assisted small, minority- and women-owned construction firms in building capacity and ensuring equality of opportunity; and

WHEREAS, SMBR’s operating budget has been cut twice in the last three years, including a budget cut of \$70,371 in FY 2008, and \$197,798 in FY 2009; and

WHEREAS, SMBR’s FY 2012 budget is proposed to be cut by an additional \$125,277 at the same time that SMBR is expanding its services to the community by administering a Small Business Construction Project.

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE: The Advisory Committee supports a restoration of SMBR’s operating budget to a level prior to the FY

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2008 budget cuts. This requires a restoration of \$268,169 to SMBR's proposed FY 2012 budget.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: SMBR's proposed FY 2012 budget should not be reduced by \$125,277.

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