

RESOLUTION NO. 20131024-085

WHEREAS, an estimated 90,000 Asian Americans currently live in the greater Austin area; and

WHEREAS, the Asian population in Travis County has doubled since 2000; and

WHEREAS, Asian Americans represent the fastest growing demographic group in Central Texas; and

WHEREAS, the Indian, Chinese, Vietnamese, and Korean communities are the largest Asian populations in Travis County but Americans of Asian descent have origins in more than fifty nations; and

WHEREAS, Austin's Asian American population reflects that diversity; and

WHEREAS, the City of Austin has worked with the Asian American community to open the Asian American Resource Center; and

WHEREAS, a recent presentation at the Public Health and Human Services Subcommittee highlighted the challenge of delivering health and other public services because of the diverse languages and cultures represented within the Asian American population; and

WHEREAS, the African American Quality of Life and the Hispanic Quality of Life reports have been successful tools to create higher levels of community engagement, to create policies, and to identify resources to address the needs of these communities; and

WHEREAS, a similar effort for the Asian American community has the potential to yield similar positive results and productive new directions; and

WHEREAS, the outcome of these results will assist the City of Austin in addressing this rapidly growing and diverse demographic; **NOW**,

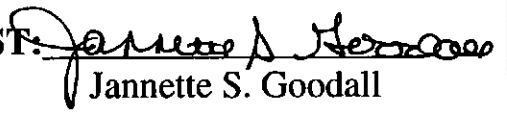
THEREFORE,

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

The City Manager is directed to identify areas within the budget to conduct facilitated discussions in collaboration with community partners such as the Asian American Resource Center nonprofit organization, the Network of Asian American Organizations and the Asian American Behavioral Health Network, about Asian American quality of life issues in Austin, to produce a Community Scorecard; to develop strategies to address the findings of the Asian-American Health Assessment, the facilitated discussions, and the Community Scorecard; and to report back to Council by December 2014 with recommendations for enhanced or new City programs and practices.

The City Manager is further directed to provide the Public Health and Human Services Subcommittee with six-month status updates beginning in December 2013.

ADOPTED: October 24, 2013

ATTEST: 
Jannette S. Goodall
City Clerk