

RESOLUTION NO.

WHEREAS, with Resolution No. 20140320-056, Council initiated the effort to develop a Digital Inclusion Strategic Plan to address access and adoption of digital technology, intending it to serve as a guiding document for providing digital inclusion opportunities and to contribute to the City's goals of ensuring all Austin residents are served and have access to digital technology opportunities; and

WHEREAS, increasingly, digital engagement is a requirement to fully participate in many elements of society, including education, health care, civic engagement, job opportunities, and social connections; and

WHEREAS, the City of Austin vision includes every Austin resident having an opportunity to be fully engaged in our digital society and having access to and using digital and communications technology; and

WHEREAS, the City of Austin is uniquely positioned as the only city in the United States with three separate providers of gigabit internet service planned or in place and has many organizations situated to leverage this opportunity for innovation and digital inclusion; and

WHEREAS, the Imagine Austin comprehensive plan serves as a roadmap for shaping the future of Austin and documents the community's vision for the next 30 years, including promoting the prosperity of all, which is one of six key noted challenges, but as yet does not address digital inclusion; and

WHEREAS, the annual update for Imagine Austin is scheduled to be considered by the Comprehensive Plan Committee of the Planning Commission on July 14, 2014, and will later be brought to Council for consideration;

NOW, THEREFORE,

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

The City Manager is directed to work with the Austin Community Technology and Telecommunications Commission to identify opportunities to incorporate digital inclusion into Imagine Austin and to provide recommendations to Council for its inclusion in the 2014 annual update to the Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan.

ADOPTED: _____, 2014

ATTEST: _____

Jannette S. Goodall
City Clerk