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WHEREAS, Imagine Austin encourages the distribution of a variety of housing types throughout the City in order to expand the choices available to meet the financial and lifestyle needs of Austin's diverse population; and

WHEREAS, in the midst of Austin's affordability crisis, mobile homes are a viable form of homeownership for low-income households; and

WHEREAS, continued maintenance and repairs are necessary for manufactured homes, particularly when owners receive notice that their homes are in violation of City Code, or when owners seek to move into a new manufactured home park in which lease agreements are contingent upon the condition of the manufactured home; and

WHEREAS, the City's home repair programs assist homeowners in a variety of ways including addressing home repairs that pose health and safety concerns and bringing homes up to City Code requirements in order to make homes safe, livable, and healthy; and

WHEREAS, current eligibility rules do not allow the owners of manufactured homes to apply for City of Austin home repair funds; **NOW, THEREFORE,**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN: Directs the City Manager to explore various funding options at the national, state, and local levels, including general obligation bond funds, which may be used to repair mobile homes located within the City of Austin.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

The City Manager is directed to propose eligibility guidelines, including income eligibility requirements, for any proposed funding options. The City Manager is directed to report all identified potential funding options and eligibility guidelines at the February Housing and Community Development Committee meeting.

ADOPTED: October 20, 2016 **ATTEST:** _____
Jannette S. Goodall
City Clerk