

## RESOLUTION NO.

**WHEREAS**, intense development pressures and gentrification have led to the displacement of long-time Austin residents and families from their established communities; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 2.2.1. of the Institutional Racism and Systemic Inequities Task Force’s report encourages the City of Austin to “adopt an Austin version of Portland’s criteria for bringing former residents back to gentrified areas”; and

**WHEREAS**, the Task Force report encourages the City to work with the City Attorney’s office and the Equity Office to formulate a policy that will encourage displaced households to have additional opportunities to return to Austin; and

**WHEREAS**, Council approved Resolution No. 20170817-055 to negotiate an interlocal with The University of Texas to conduct a study of gentrification within Austin, including the mapping of vulnerable neighborhoods; and

**WHEREAS**, Council approved the execution of the interlocal on September 28, 2017; and

**WHEREAS**, this study’s data could inform the legal assessment and tenets of a “right to return” policy; **NOW, THEREFORE,**

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

The Council directs the City Manager to propose a preference policy that relates to the distribution of affordable housing units for low- and moderate-income households based on generational ties to the City. The proposed policy must be designed to further the City’s obligation to affirmatively further fair housing and should:

- apply to census tracts that are experiencing high levels of rapid development, gentrification, and displacement;
- assist low- and moderate-income households of current and former residents and their descendants who reside or have resided in census tracts where the policy would be applied; and
- include a method to prioritize the waitlist for programs and resources, such as homeownership and rental assistance programs, that is based on generational ties to the City in areas experiencing rapid redevelopment, gentrification, and displacement; however, generational ties should not be the sole factor to determine eligibility.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

The Council directs the City Manager to propose a preference policy that relates to the distribution of affordable housing units for low- and moderate-income households based on household size. The proposed policy must be designed to further the City's obligation to affirmatively further fair housing.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

The Council directs the City Manager to analyze each proposed policy for operational and legal issues; and to provide Council with the analysis no later than May 25, 2018.

**ADOPTED:** \_\_\_\_\_, 2018    **ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Jannette S. Goodall  
City Clerk