

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, resolution 20111208-074 committed the Austin City Council to Open Government and the principles of transparency, efficiency, and collaboration; and

WHEREAS, the Austin City Council has identified open data, open-source platforms, mobile applications, and social media as areas for civicfocus; and

WHEREAS, municipalities with the most active and most effective open government initiatives typically have chartered a dedicated organization to direct these efforts; and

WHEREAS, these organizations tend to be structured and funded separately from, but work extremely closely and cooperatively with, existing public information and technology departments; and

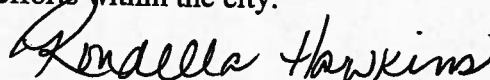
WHEREAS, these organizations take a variety of forms, from the Urban Mechanics in Boston, to the Chief Innovation Officer in San Francisco;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF AUSTIN COMMUNITY TECHNOLOGY AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION:

That funding be included in the FY 2012-13 City of Austin budget to add dedicated staff to direct open government and digital innovation efforts within the city.

ADOPTED: June 27, 2012

ATTEST:



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