WHEREAS, the Council adopted the Austin Strategic Direction 2023 Plan on March 8, 2018;

WHEREAS, a strategy for improving safety outcomes in the Austin Strategic Direction 2023 Plan is pursuing evidence-based strategies to address root causes of harm, crime, and lack of public safety;

WHEREAS, the City has plans in place to increase funding across a broad variety of needs, but limited resources to fund the plans and priorities;

WHEREAS, the Council approved Resolution 20180322-047 to direct the City Manager to develop an evidence-based five-year staffing plan for the Austin Police Department;

WHEREAS, the Council approved Resolution 20160128-068 to direct the City Manager to develop, as part of the annual budget process for Council consideration, an annual increase to existing social service contracts in an amount equal to or greater than 3%, and to maintain the policy goal of incorporating an annual increase for the Health and Human Services Department in an amount equal to or greater than the annual percent increase in population growth; NOW, THEREFORE,

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

The City Manager is directed to work across departments to provide recommendations to Council on the best use of limited public safety dollars amongst potential public safety investments, including, but not limited to, public safety personnel, targeted law enforcement programs, social services programs, and more,
with the goal of improving public safety over the next five years, using research and evidence to determine which investments have the most significant impacts on improving public safety for Austin residents. The City Manager is directed to present a preliminary report to the Council by May 10, 2018, and a report for the first year by August 1, 2018. [The City Manager is directed to provide a preliminary update on the framing and approach recommended for the report to the Council by May 10, 2018, and an update on the plan for the first year by August 1, 2018.]

ADOPTED: _________, 2018

ATTEST: ______________________

Jannette S. Goodall
City Clerk