

RESOLUTION NO.

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**WHEREAS**, City Council is ordering an Election to be held on November 6, 2018 for the purpose of asking the voters to authorize general obligation bonds in seven different propositions for Affordable Housing; Libraries, Museums, and Cultural Arts Facilities; Parks and Recreation; Flood Mitigation, Open Space and Water Quality Protection; Health and Human Services; Public Safety; and Transportation Infrastructure; and

**WHEREAS**, the November 2018 Bond Elections will be comprised of \$425 million of the City's \$425 million of bond capacity under its existing debt tax rate, and an additional \$500 million associated with an estimated debt tax rate increase of less than 2 cents per \$100 worth of property valuation; and

**WHEREAS**, City Council is structuring the November 2018 Bond Program propositions as follows:

- \$250 million for Affordable Housing to provide more housing opportunities for low and moderate income households;
- \$128 million for Libraries, Museums, and Cultural Art Facilities to rehabilitate and renovate existing libraries, museums, and other cultural art facilities and to acquire and renovate creative spaces within new or existing cultural art facilities;
- \$149 million for Parks and Recreation to improve existing parks, make strategic acquisitions, and create more parks by addressing deficiencies and inequities;
- \$184 million for Flood Mitigation and Open Space to improve drainage infrastructure and to protect and improve the quality and quantity of water supplies;
- \$16 million for Health and Human Services to improve equitable access to neighborhood health facilities; and
- \$38 million for Public Safety to renovate existing fire and EMS stations;

- 29       • \$160 million for Transportation Infrastructure to improve and invest in roads,  
30       trails, bridges, and sidewalks and to make them safer; and  
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32       **WHEREAS**, City Council desires that the bond program be completed within  
33 eight years from voter approval and in accordance with the guidance, procedures, and  
34 funding levels and purposes set forth in this resolution; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

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

36       The Council, by this official action, reaffirms its commitment to the voters  
37 regarding the conditions and guidance contained in the ordinance calling the November  
38 2018 Bond election. Further, Council, by this official action, clarifies and declares its  
39 intent and commitment to the voters to create a contract with the voters that specifies that  
40 the proceeds from the bonds and notes shall be used for the projects and programs  
41 identified in the ordinance calling the November 2018 Bond election. Bond proceeds  
42 shall be expended with an emphasis on Equity. The following Be It Further Resolved  
43 clauses describe how the bond proceeds must be expended and the processes that must  
44 be followed in determining and prioritizing these expenditures. Should any propositions  
45 fail, such failure shall not affect the guidance in this resolution for the propositions that  
46 are approved by the voters.

47 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

48       The City Manager is directed to implement the November 2018 Bond program in  
49 accordance with the funding levels and purposes established in Resolution No.  
50 20180628-027 Exhibit A ("Exhibit A") and the propositions approved by the voters.

51 The City Council intends for Exhibit A to supersede prior City documents that establish  
52 the funding levels and purposes of the November 2018 Bond program. The City may  
53 amend the funding levels and purposes established in Exhibit A, after a bond  
54 proposition passes, only to the extent that the amendments comply with the law, comply  
55 with the ballot language passed by the voters, comply with the metrics and  
56 ~~guidance~~priorities in the following Be It Resolved Clauses in this resolution, and with  
57 an affirmative vote from the City Council. To the extent that this Resolution provides  
58 more specific direction than the direction in Exhibit A to Resolution 20180628-027, this  
59 Resolution supersedes that Exhibit.

60 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

61 Upon voter approval, the City Manager is directed to implement \$250 million  
62 Affordable Housing Bond Proposition to fund the following projects and/or programs:

- 63 ● Acquisition and Development (A&D) Homeownership Program
- 64 ● Home Repair Program
- 65 ● Rental Housing Development Assistance Projects
- 66 ● Land Acquisition that includes vacant and improved property

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68 The City Manager is directed to fund projects and/or programs based on the  
69 following minimum ~~guidelines~~priorities/metrics:

- 70 ● Number of low and moderate income affordable units, where “low and  
71 moderate income” is defined as no more than 50% of the median family  
72 income for rental programs and no more than 80% of the median family  
73 income for homeowner programs
- 74 ● Ability to reach deeper levels of affordability
- 75 ● Length of affordability
- 76 ● Number of permanent supportive housing units, including housing first units

- 77 ● Provision of low and moderate income housing in high opportunity areas,
- 78 gentrifying areas, and areas susceptible to gentrification and displacement
- 79 ● Ability to further the goals adopted in the Strategic Housing Blueprint
- 80 ● The Economic Opportunity & Affordability Indicators in the Strategic
- 81 Direction 2023

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83 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

84 Upon voter approval, the City Manager is directed to implement the \$128 million  
85 Libraries, Museums, and Cultural Art Facilities Bond Proposition to fund the following  
86 projects and/or programs:

- 87 ● Branch Library Renovations
- 88 ● Cultural Art Facility Improvements, including Creative Spaces Acquisition and
- 89 Improvements within new or existing Cultural Art Facilities

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91 The City Manager is directed to fund the following specific Libraries, Museums,  
92 and Cultural Art Facilities projects as follows:

- 93 ● \$14.8 million for Faulk Central Library building renovations and improvements
- 94 ● \$27 million for the Emma S. Barrientos Mexican American Cultural Center
- 95 (MACC)
- 96 ● \$15 million for the Mexic Arte Museum
- 97 ● \$7.5 million for the George Washington Carver Museum Cultural Center
- 98 ● \$7.0 million for the Asian American Resource Center (AARC)
- 99 ● \$12 million for Creative Space Acquisition and Improvements
- 100 ● \$25 million for Dougherty Arts Center Replacement Facility

101 The City Manager is directed to fund all other Libraries, Museums, and Cultural  
102 Art Facilities projects and/or programs based on the following  
103 guidelines/priorities/metrics:

- 104 ● Greatest need for repair
- 105 ● New development of planned projects
- 106 ● Investing in historical and cultural assets to improve equity

- 107       ● The Culture & Lifelong Learning Indicators in the Strategic Direction 2023

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109 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

110       Upon voter approval, the City Manager is directed to implement the \$149 million

111 Parks and Recreation Bond Proposition to fund the following projects and/or programs:

- 112       ● Aquatics  
113       ● Building Renovations  
114       ● Infrastructure  
115       ● Parkland Improvements  
116       ● Parkland Acquisition

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118       The City Manager is directed to fund projects and/or programs based on the

119 following guidelines/priorities/metrics:

- 120       ● Improvements for public access to quality parks and recreational opportunities  
121       and strategic acquisitions across the city  
122       ● Critical needs for capital renewal or reinvestment in aging facilities  
123       ● Investment in historically underserved communities to improve equity  
124       ● The Health & Environment Indicators in the Strategic Direction 2023

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126 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

127       Upon voter approval, the City Manager is directed to implement the \$184 million

128 Flood Mitigation, Open Space, and Water Quality Protection Bond Proposition to fund

129 the following projects and/or programs:

- 130       ● Drainage and Stormwater Projects  
131       ● Open Space Acquisition

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133       The City Manager is directed to fund projects and/or programs based on the

134 following guidelines/priorities/metrics:

- 135 ● Greatest need for flood safety and protection
- 136 ● Greatest protection of water quality and quantity
- 137 ● Greatest need for infrastructure improvement
- 138 ● Equity
- 139 ● The Safety and Health & Environment Indicators in the Strategic Direction
- 140 2023 related to flood mitigation and open space
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142 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

143 Upon voter approval, the City Manager is directed to implement the \$16 million  
144 Health and Human Services Bond Proposition to fund the construction of a new Dove  
145 Springs Neighborhood Health Center.

146 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

147 Upon voter approval, the City Manager is directed to implement the \$38 million  
148 Public Safety Bond Proposition to fund the following projects and/or programs:

- 149 ● Fire Station Renovations
- 150 ● EMS Station Renovations

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152 The City Manager is directed to fund projects and/or programs based on the  
153 following guidelines/priorities/metrics:

- 154 ● Improvements to public safety outcomes
- 155 ● Greatest need for repair
- 156 ● Equity
- 157 ● The Safety Indicators in the Strategic Direction 2023
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159 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

160 Upon voter approval, the City Manager is directed to implement the \$160 million  
161 Transportation Infrastructure Bond Proposition to fund the following projects and/or  
162 programs:

- 163 ● Bridges and Structures
- 164 ● Street Reconstruction
- 165 ● Sidewalk Rehabilitation of existing city sidewalks and new sidewalk  
166 construction
- 167 ● Signals and Technology
- 168 ● Vision Zero and Transportation Safety
- 169 ● Neighborhood Partnering Program
- 170 ● Urban Trails

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172 The City Manager is directed to fund projects and/or programs based on the  
173 following guidelines/priorities/metrics:

- 174 ● Greatest need for repair
- 175 ● Improvements to transportation efficiency
- 176 ● Improved access to multimodal transportation options
- 177 ● Improvements to transportation safety
- 178 ● Equity
- 179 ● Opportunity to leverage matching funds for other funding, whether federal,  
180 state, local or grant funding
- 181 ● Alignment with 2016 Mobility Bond program where appropriate
- 182 ● The priorities established in the Austin Strategic Mobility Plan, Sidewalk  
183 Master Plan, Safe Routes to Schools Plan
- 184 ● The Mobility Indicators in the Strategic Direction 2023

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186 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

187 In implementing the Bond Propositions approved by the voters, the City Manager  
188 shall ensure compliance and congruence with Imagine Austin, the Strategic Direction  
189 2023, the November 2016 Mobility Bond, and any other relevant plans or standards, such

190 as the Strategic Housing Blueprint, Aquatics Master Plan, Watershed Protection Master  
191 Plan, Strategic Mobility Plan, Vision Zero Plan, National Association of City  
192 Transportation Officials standards, Bicycle Master Plan, Sidewalk Master Plan, Transit  
193 Priority Policy, Urban Trails Master Plan, Parks and Recreation Department Strategic  
194 Plan.

195 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

196 The City Manager is directed to coordinate with other local taxing entities and  
197 identify and pursue potential opportunities for grants and other collaborative funding  
198 from federal, state, local, as well as private and non-profit sources. If funding from  
199 another entity or source is acquired to reach the funding levels for a project or program  
200 committed to in this resolution, then the excess voter approved bond dollars may be used  
201 for another project or program consistent with the bond proposition, provided that priority  
202 for use of the excess bond dollars will be given first for another project or program within  
203 the same category. If additional funding is required to complete specified projects or  
204 programs, the City Manager is directed to identify available funding within existing  
205 capital budgets and other sources described above (provided that neither the  
206 identification, commitment nor receipt of such additional funding shall limit Council's  
207 authority to proceed with the issuance of bonds or notes authorized by any of the  
208 November 2018 Bond Propositions).

209 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

210 The City Manager shall bring forth recommendations to City Council within 90  
211 days of voter approval, outlining a process for City Council oversight, including a report  
212 to the respective City Council Committees, a report to and approval process for the full  
213 Council, and a timeline and process for reporting to the Citizen Bond Oversight  
214 Committee and other citizen oversight committees (including the existing Housing Bond  
215 Review Committee) as designated by Council. The City Manager shall include in these  
216 recommendations a proposed process, description, and criteria for Creative Space  
217 Acquisition and Improvements addressed above, developed in consultation with the Arts  
218 and Music Commissions and in compliance with the use of bond funds.

219 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

220 If the issuance of public securities is approved by a majority of the voters voting  
221 on the proposition to issue public securities for affordable housing, funding of affordable  
222 housing projects shall be in accordance with guidelines of the City relating to affordable  
223 housing now and hereafter existing, including but not limited to guidelines for rental  
224 housing, home ownership and home repair. The guidelines have been developed by staff  
225 after consulting with bond counsel and are submitted to the Public Finance Division of  
226 the Office of the Attorney General of Texas to assist in the Division's statutorily-required  
227 review of proceedings relating to the issuance of public securities. The guidelines  
228 governing affordable housing projects comprise a program established in part under  
229 authority of Chapter 380 of the Texas Local Government Code, relating to the issuance

230 of ad valorem tax supported obligations for this purpose, and Council affirms this  
231 program, the guidelines governing the program and their application to the issuance of  
232 bonds and notes for affordable housing purposes.

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235 **ADOPTED:** \_\_\_\_\_, 2018 **ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_

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Jannette S. Goodall  
City Clerk

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