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18 **WHEREAS**, a revenue cap will limit the City's ability to provide for public safety
19 through police, fire and emergency medical protection, as well as road construction and
20 maintenance, health, parks, libraries, and other services its residents demand; and

21 **WHEREAS**, the State is the driver of higher property taxes due to its over-reliance
22 on local property taxes to fund public schools; and

23 **WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council of the City of Austin find that the most
24 appropriate way to protect its residents, meet State requirements, and develop a budget that
25 reflects the values of its residents is through the establishment of a locally developed
26 budget and Ad Valorem tax rate establishment process; **NOW, THEREFORE,**

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

28 The City Council of the City of Austin believes that the 2.5% revenue cap proposed
29 by House Bill 2 and Senate Bill 2 represents an impending crisis by limiting the City's
30 ability to provide for public safety and other essential services to its residents; and it is
31 essential that any revenue cap measure passed by the Texas Legislature not restrict the
32 City's ability to protect public safety and provide needed City services.

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34 **ADOPTED:** _____, 2019 **ATTEST:** _____

35 Jannette S. Goodall
36 City Clerk