1 2	RESOLUTION NO.
3	WHEREAS, the Austin City Council has identified addressing
4	homelessness as the City's highest priority, which requires investments in
5	temporary and long-term shelters and paths to permanent housing; and
6	WHEREAS, multiple funding streams are more readily available for capital
7	expenditures, such as the construction of shelters, than expenditures related to
8	shelter operations, services, or emergency rental assistance; and
9	WHEREAS, the Council has recently approved multiple resolutions
10	directing the City Manager to identify funding streams for operating expenditures
11	to meet the needs of those experiencing homelessness, such as Resolution No.
12	20170831-103 (identify dedicated funding streams, including consideration of
13	municipal management districts for operating expenditures); Resolution No.
14	20180614-066 (amendment to the Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone No. 17, also
15	known as the Waller Creek Tax Increment Financing, including funding services);
16	Resolution No. 20190131-078 (options for piloting immediate shelter and support
17	services); and Resolution No. 20190411-026 (identify funding to assist the
18	Salvation Army Rathgeber Center in becoming fully operational); and
19	WHEREAS, the Council does not currently have a reliable funding stream
20	for child care and early childhood education services to meet current needs; and
21	WHEREAS, the Council has recently approved multiple resolutions
22	directing the City Manager to reduce barriers to, support, and incentivize child care
23	and early childhood education, such as Resolution No. 20160211-018 (identify
24	funding for child care for the Passages Program); Resolution No. 20160414-004
25	(recommendations and funding options for Child Care Continuity Services);
26	Resolution No. 20161103-047 (community meetings and on-site supervision for

27	children); Resolution No. 201/0615-0/2 (funding for childcare services for
28	Passages Program participants); Resolution No. 20170928-057 (needs and gap
29	assessment of high quality child care facilities); Resolution No. 20181004-036
30	(evaluate fee and zoning regulations relating to child care centers); and Resolution
31	No. 20190606-041 (City of Austin as a family-friendly employer); and
32	WHEREAS, Article 8, Section 1 of the Texas Constitution mandates that
33	property taxation be equal and uniform; and
34	WHEREAS, the City Council in 1986 enacted Ordinance No. 860130-A,
35	which resulted in the properties identified in that ordinance not being subject to
36	City ad valorem taxes; and
37	WHEREAS, the properties identified in Ordinance No. 860130-A are
38	within the City's full purpose jurisdiction and have been at all times since the 189
39	Act of Incorporation; and
40	WHEREAS, the properties identified in Ordinance No. 860130-A are
41	subject to taxation by the City because they are within City limits; and
42	WHEREAS, it is also fair that these properties be taxed because they
43	receive taxpayer-funded City services; and
44	WHEREAS, the market value of the average, affected homestead property
45	is over \$2.5 million, and the market value of several of the properties not paying
46	City taxes is over \$10 million, according to Travis Central Appraisal District; and
47	WHEREAS, City staff estimate that the exempted properties would have
48	generated approximately \$3 million in property tax revenue for the City in 2018
49	given that year's tax rate; and

50	WHEREAS, uncollected property tax revenues from repealing Ordinance
51	No. 860130-A can help the City ensure that there is adequate funding for key city
52	priorities such as (1) operation expenditures, services, and rental assistance to meet
53	the needs of those experiencing homelessness and provide paths to permanent
54	housing; and (2) child care and early childhood education; and
55	WHEREAS, the City of Austin budget office estimates that the new
56	revenue cap law passed by the Texas Legislature would result in a \$58 million
57	deficit over five years without the addition of new city programs, so revenue from
58	the repeal of the 1986 ordinance would bring critical revenue for city programs;
59	NOW, THEREFORE,
60	BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:
61	If the 1986 Ordinance is repealed, the City Manager is directed to provide a
62	report back to Council as soon as the previously uncollected taxes are able to be
63	collected. The report should provide the Council options for funding:
64	 Emergency shelter operations and services;
65	 Rapid re-housing and emergency rental assistance;
66	 Permanent supportive housing services;
67	 Mental health and addiction support services;
68	Child care services; and
69	Early childcare education.
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71	ADOPTED: , 2019
72	Jannette S. Goodall
73	City Clerk