

25 **WHEREAS**, it was determined that the Great Streets funding allocation shall
26 allow for flexibility from the Great Streets standard to achieve safe, continuous,
27 functional enhancements in the District; and

28 **WHEREAS**, the contractor recently submitted a building permit application
29 for the gate and fence system described in Resolution 20170608-033; and

30 **WHEREAS**, nearly one year later, no other improvements with regard to
31 adding trash receptacles, lighting, temporary art, sidewalk redesign, or safety
32 improvements to the identified alley along Red River Street have been fully
33 completed; and

34 **WHEREAS**, the contemplated improvements will honor the commitment the
35 City Council has made to supporting place-making in and otherwise enhancing the
36 Red River Cultural District; and

37 **WHEREAS**, much research demonstrates the role that the built environment
38 can play in reducing crime; and

39 **WHEREAS**, in the last few weeks, several violent crimes have taken place in
40 the vicinity of Red River Street; and

41 **WHEREAS** the City Council desires to move forward immediately with
42 improvements that have been long-requested by business owners, employees,
43 visitors, and others in the area; **NOW, THEREFORE,**

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

45 The City Council affirms Economic Development Department's efforts to
46 support and enhance the Red River Cultural District and requests that this
47 department serve as lead for the implementation of the projects described above. The
48 City Council further directs the City Manager to use available funds from the Great

49 Streets Program to move forward and expedite the projects described in Resolution
50 20170608-033, including for costs associated with design, engineering, and project
51 manager fees, with priority placed on installing trash receptacles, additional lighting,
52 and pedestrian mobility improvements as soon as possible with work to begin no
53 later than November 1, 2019.

54 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

55 That the City Council requests the City Manager to determine whether the
56 permits for the fence and gate installation can be expedited given the expected
57 improvements to public health and public safety that will result from its installation.

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ADOPTED: _____, 2019 **ATTEST:** _____
Jannette S. Goodall
City Clerk