

1 **WHEREAS**, the Do Not Stand Idly By campaign is a market-based approach
2 to entice gun manufacturers to develop safer gun technologies that make it more
3 difficult for stolen guns to be used or sold on the black market; and

4 **WHEREAS**, in 2018, the City of Houston became the first city in Texas to
5 support the Do Not Stand Idly By campaign for gun safety; and

6 **WHEREAS**, after a gunman killed 10 people in Santa Fe, Texas, Houston
7 Mayor Sylvester Turner created a Commission Against Gun Violence to identify
8 definitive steps for action on the local, state, and federal levels; and

9 **WHEREAS**, the City Council has taken extensive action to address the
10 epidemic of gun violence including Resolution No. 20130228-035 signifying City
11 Council's intent to endorse efforts to develop a comprehensive approach to reducing
12 gun crime as well as Resolutions Nos., 20161215-064, 20171207-054, and
13 20180510-047; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

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

- 15 1. The Council establishes the Task Force on Gun Violence to advise the Council
16 on potential actions the City can take to reduce gun violence at the local level
17 and to make recommendations for enhancing existing resources and
18 campaigns, such as safe storage education, community and domestic violence
19 intervention, and gun surrender programs. The Task Force also may
20 recommend actions the City can take to partner with other levels or units of

1 government and private organizations to make our communities safe and
2 resilient from gun violence.

- 3 2. The Task Force shall consist of eleven members. Each Council member and
4 the Mayor shall have one nomination each for approval by the Council, with
5 Task Force members selecting a Chair and Vice Chair at their first meeting.
6 All task force members shall be appointed by the Council no later than 90
7 calendar days from the date this resolution is adopted.
- 8 3. Members of the Task Force shall reflect the diversity of the Austin community
9 and include individuals with expertise or experience in the fields of gun
10 violence, public health, public safety, or advocacy.
- 11 4. The Task Force shall be exempt from any requirement in City Code Chapter
12 2-1 to comply with the provisions of Chapter 551 of the Texas Government
13 Code (*Open Meetings Act*).
- 14 5. A quorum for the conduct of business is six members. No vacancy in the
15 membership of the Task Force shall impair the right of a quorum to exercise
16 all of the rights and perform all of the duties of the Task Force.
- 17 6. Any member of the Task Force may be removed by the Council for
18 malfeasance, failure to attend three or more consecutive meetings for any
19 reason whatsoever, or willful neglect of duty.
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- 1 7. The Task Force shall begin its work as soon as practicable after all members
2 are appointed with the goal of issuing a report of its recommendations within
3 six months of its first meeting.
- 4 8. The Task Force shall review best practices from across the country including
5 the recently completed report from the City of Houston's Mayor's
6 Commission Against Gun Violence, the Be SMART campaign, and the Do
7 Not Stand Idly By campaign.
- 8 9. The City Manager shall provide appropriate staff to advise the Task Force and
9 provide a law enforcement perspective to the members.

10 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

11 The City Council directs the City Manager to provide the Council and the
12 Public Safety Commission a quarterly report on incidents of gun violence that occur
13 within the City. The report shall include geographic information concerning the
14 location of those incidents, demographic information on the individuals involved,
15 incidents of domestic violence involving a firearm, trends across reporting history,
16 incidents of gun violence committed by individuals having a history or an
17 association to hate groups, and any other details determined to be appropriate by
18 City staff. The report should respect all appropriate and relevant privacy laws and
19 best practices.

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21 **ADOPTED:** _____, 2019

ATTEST: _____

Jannette S. Goodall
City Clerk