

22 displacement; **NOW, THEREFORE,**

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

24 The City Manager is directed to provide recommendations to City Council of
25 the most efficient and effective means of educating Austin residents about existing
26 opportunities for seniors to reduce their property tax burden, including, but not
27 limited to:

- 28 1. Increasing taxpayer awareness of the opportunities already authorized by law
29 for meeting or reducing property tax obligations (e.g. tax deferrals and
30 homestead, senior, and disabled persons exemptions)
- 31 2. Providing information about property tax exemptions and deferrals as part of
32 city-sponsored financial literacy programs (e.g. “Families Not Flippers”)
- 33 3. Working with tax appraisal districts to develop metrics for annual reporting
34 on the taxpayer utilization rate of available opportunities for seniors to meet
35 property tax obligations.

36 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

37 The City Manager is directed to provide recommendations to City Council for
38 a senior volunteer program to allow seniors to volunteer as a means of offsetting a
39 portion of their property tax burden. The recommendation should include examples
40 of similar successful programs in other Texas jurisdictions and a proposal for a pilot
41 program. The recommendations should be brought to the Commission on Seniors
42 for comment prior to returning to Council.

43 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

44 The City Manager is directed to explore the financial feasibility of increases
45 in future budget years to the senior property tax exemption, and the effect on both
46 affordability for the senior population and future city budgets.

47 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

48 The City Manager is directed to report back to Council with such
49 recommendations 180 days after Council adopts this resolution.

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51 **ADOPTED:** _____, 2019

ATTEST: _____

Jannette S. Goodall
City Clerk

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