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**WHEREAS**, homelessness is identified as a strategic outcome indicator in “Austin Strategic Direction 2023” and was identified by the City Council as the top priority for the city’s Strategic Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the “Austin Strategic Housing Blueprint” Key Actions include “Investing in Housing for Those Most in Need,” which calls for Austin to adopt a balanced approach to provide affordable housing resources; and

**WHEREAS**, Permanent Supportive Housing services are appropriate for those who qualify as chronically homeless and have a disability while Rapid Rehousing services are more appropriate for those experiencing short-term homelessness or need less extensive support or intervention to stabilize into housing; and

**WHEREAS**, according the most recent “Homelessness in Austin/Travis County: Current Needs and Gaps Report” (March 2019) by Ending Community Homelessness Coalition, based on vulnerability 59% of households experiencing homelessness require Rapid Rehousing Services, 38% require Permanent Supportive Housing Services, and 3% require Minimal Housing Assistance and minimal support; **NOW THEREFORE,**

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

As part of the City's on-going work with its consultants, the City Council directs the City Manager to work with Continuum of Care system providers to: 1) create another service enrollment opportunity through the Coordinated Entry system for households

22 whose homelessness can be permanently ended by short-term, time-limited financial  
23 assistance and case management services, generally lasting no less than three months and  
24 no more than two years; and 2) target increased funding for rapid rehousing for those same  
25 households.

26 The City Council directs the City Manager to increase funding for Permanent  
27 Supportive Housing for households requiring longer and more intensive support including  
28 permanent subsidies. The City Manager shall set a level of funding that will increase the  
29 number of people served by Permanent Supportive Housing to the greatest extent possible.

30 The City Council intends for these funds to pay for case management, wrap-around  
31 services and financial support for rental and other needs associated with Rapid Rehousing  
32 and Permanent Supportive Housing programs.

33 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

34 The City Council directs the City Manager to assess the feasibility of city-funded  
35 housing vouchers to support individuals exiting homelessness. The feasibility assessment  
36 should address whether a voucher program could be tailored to serve: 1) rapid rehousing  
37 clients who have not stabilized with short term assistance and require a longer term  
38 subsidy, 2) permanent supportive housing clients who no longer require support services  
39 and can live independently, but still need a housing subsidy, and 3) clients exiting  
40 homelessness who have case management and related services but lack a housing subsidy.

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