



March 27, 2020

City of Austin  
City Council  
P.O. Box 1088  
Austin, Texas. 78767-1088

County of Travis  
Commissioner's Court  
P.O. Box 1748  
Austin, Texas. 78767-1748

**RE: Amendment of the Sobering Center Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws**

Dear Honorable Mayor and City Council Members, County Judge and Commissioners:

On March 30, 2020 the Board of the Austin Travis County Sobriety Center LGC (also known as the Sobering Center) intends to vote to request a formal resolution to amend the Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws. The purpose of the amendment is to broaden the purpose and scope of work performed by the Sobering Center so that it may be utilized by the City and County in times of disaster and emergency.

*Currently, the Articles of Incorporation state the following:*

ARTICLE IV. PURPOSES, ACTIVITIES

The Corporation shall be incorporated to aid and to act on behalf of the City and the County to accomplish their governmental purpose; **namely to staff, manage, and operate** a sobriety center for the safe short-term treatment and management of intoxicated persons, and to provide those persons with information on and referrals to community-based outpatient services, for the purposes of preservation of law enforcement, judicial, and medical resources in the jurisdictional limits of the City and the County.

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## EXHIBIT A

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*Additionally, Article 1, Sec. 1.3 of the By-Laws states the following:*

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We request that these changes be considered as soon as possible so that we may assist our community in times of disaster.

Sincerely

/S/

Jana Ortega

## **EXHIBIT A**

Chair, ATC Sobering Center