

1 **RESOLUTION NO.**

2 **WHEREAS**, displacement can be most simply defined as moving from your
3 home when you do not want to; and

4 **WHEREAS**, the City of Austin has recognized displacement as a challenge
5 in our community in several plans and reports, including but not limited to:
6 *Uprooted: Displacement in Austin’s Gentrifying Neighborhoods and What Can Be*
7 *Done About It* (2016); Council Resolution 20160818-074 “*Contract with the Voters*”
8 (2016); *Final Report of the Mayor’s Task Force on Institutional Racism and*
9 *Systemic Inequities* (2017); *Austin Strategic Housing Blueprint* (2017); *Final Report*
10 *of the Anti-Displacement Task Force* (2018); *Austin Strategic Direction 2023*
11 *(2018)*; *Analysis of Impediments to Housing Choice* (2019); and *Austin Strategic*
12 *Mobility Plan* (2019); and

13 **WHEREAS**, the Austin Strategic Mobility Plan (Chapter 6) recognizes “the
14 inequities of past land use and transportation planning” and acknowledges “that
15 transportation improvements, while needed for our community, can lead to higher
16 property values and rents. These results can eventually lead to displacement,
17 disproportionately affecting lower income residents. It is important that we
18 recognize this fact during the planning phase of all transportation infrastructure
19 projects and that, before we begin the implementation of these projects, we work
20 with our partners, develop strategies, and utilize tools to support current
21 neighborhood residents and businesses, stopping or limiting their displacement”;
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23 **WHEREAS**, Capital Metropolitan Transit Agency (CapMetro), through its
24 Project Connect Long Term Vision Plan, has made several recommendations for

25 significant transit infrastructure projects and programs throughout the city,
26 requesting significant investment by the City of Austin; and

27 **WHEREAS**, the City of Austin is responsible for addressing any known
28 potential risks from a project or program, including the risk of displacement from
29 significant infrastructure investments and ensuring people of different incomes can
30 benefit from transportation investments; and

31 **WHEREAS**, the City of Austin’s vision of “making Austin the most livable
32 City in the country” includes the values of Responsibility and Accountability to
33 “take responsibility for achieving results and hold ourselves accountable for our
34 actions” and CapMetro’s vision of “transforming the daily lives of Central Texans
35 by providing a robust, sustainable transportation network” includes the guiding
36 principle of Ownership to be “responsible stewards of the limited resources entrusted
37 to us”; and

38 **WHEREAS**, displacement would negatively impact our community’s ability
39 to fully realize the benefits of the proposed improvements to our local transit system;
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41 **WHEREAS**, the City of Austin’s Office of Innovation, as the City’s resident
42 research and design group, houses the City’s body of research regarding
43 displacement and displacement mitigation, including research on vulnerability and
44 risk factors associated with displacement, potential strategies for displacement
45 mitigation, and a data-informed framework for applying strategies and solutions in
46 areas already experiencing or with the potential for displacement; and

47 **WHEREAS**, displacement would negatively impact our community’s ability
48 to fully realize the benefits of the proposed improvements to our local transit system;
49 and

50 **WHEREAS**, the City of Austin and CapMetro hope to provide the maximum
51 benefit of transit investments to as many Austinites as possible; **NOW**,
52 **THEREFORE**,

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

54 The City Manager is directed to provide data-informed recommendations to
55 align current policies, services, programs, and resources already in place at the City
56 to more specifically prevent transportation investment-related displacement and
57 ensure people of different incomes can benefit from transportation investments. The
58 City Manager is encouraged to bring together the Office of Innovation, the Equity
59 Office, the Financial Services Department, and other relevant City departments to
60 prepare these recommendations.

61 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

62 The City Manager is directed to provide options for establishing a fund that
63 could provide financing for additional strategies and solutions to prevent
64 transportation investment-related displacement and ensure people of different
65 incomes can benefit from transportation investments in the proposed Fiscal Year
66 2020-2021 budget in conjunction with Project Connect and any proposed transit
67 investments, including options for potential debt services for land acquisition. The
68 City Manager is encouraged to bring together the Office of Innovation, the Equity
69 Office, the Financial Services Department, and other relevant City departments to
70 prepare these options.

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74 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

75 The City Manager is directed to present these recommendations and options
76 no later than the last regularly scheduled Council Meeting in May of 2020, or as
77 soon as reasonably possible before the Council considers the budget.

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79 **ADOPTED:** _____, 2020

ATTEST: _____

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Jannette S. Goodall
City Clerk

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