ANDERSON MILL LIMITED DISTRICT

RESOLUTION # 21-0201-01

RESOLUTION OF THE ANDERSON MILL LIMITED DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS; OPPOSING THE CITY OF AUSTIN'S PURCHASE OF THE CANDLEWOOD SUITES AND TEXAS BUNGALOWS HOTEL & SUITES IN NORTHWEST AUSTIN; PROVIDING FINDINGS OF FACT; PROVIDING FOR OPEN MEETING

WHEREAS, Anderson Mill Limited District ("District") is a duly created and existing political subdivision of the State of Texas created and operating under Chapters 49 and 54 of the Texas Water Code, as amended; and

WHEREAS, the District's Board of Directors ("Board") are duly elected by the District's voters and therefore represent the District and its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the District's citizens are also residents and taxpayers of the City of Austin ("City"); and

WHEREAS, the Board fully supports finding solutions to the City's ongoing homeless crisis; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds the City of Austin City Council ("City Council") has allowed the homeless crisis to linger and then proliferate, without providing real solutions to the crisis; and

WHEREAS, Article III, Section 52(a), of the Texas Constitution prohibits "...any county, city, town or other political corporation or subdivision of the State to lend its credit or to grant public money or thing of value in aid of, or to any individual..."; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds that the City Council's pending decision to spend SIXTEEN MILLION DOLLARS (\$16,000,000.00) to purchase the Candlewood Suites and Texas Bungalows Hotel & Suites in northwest Austin to benefit only 150 people is inappropriate and a misuse of taxpayer funds; and

WHEREAS, the Board will consider all appropriate legal remedies should the City Council proceed with the purchase of the aforesaid properties;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF ANDERSON MILL LIMITED DISTRICT:

1. The preceding recitals are the true and correct legislative findings of the Board.

- 2. (a) The Board adamantly opposes the City's purchase of the Candlewood Suites and Texas Bungalows Hotel & Suites in northwest Austin.
 - (b) Spending \$16,000,000.00 in taxpayer funds to house only 150 people, in a city with a population of over 950,000, constitutes a gift of public money, in violation of Article III, Section 52(a) of the Texas Constitution.
 - (c) The Board strongly encourages the City Council to reconsider the purchase of the aforesaid properties, take taxpayer opinions into consideration, and find real solutions to the City's homeless crisis.
- 3. The Board considered this Resolution during a duly noticed meeting that was open to the public, in compliance with Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, and Section 49.063, Texas Water Code.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 1st day of February, 2021.

ANDERSON MILL LIMITED DISTRICT

John Kiracofe

President, Board of Directors

ATTEST:

Mike Chaney

Assistant Secretary Treasurer, Board of Directors