

MEMORANDUM

TO:	Mayor and City Council
FROM:	Dianna Grey, Homeless Strategy Officer
THROUGH:	Rodney Gonzalez, Assistant City Manager Shannon Jones, Interim Assistant City Manager Stephanie Hayden, Director, Austin Public Health
DATE:	March 9th, 2021
SUBJECT:	Extension Request: Resolution No. 20210204-049 – HEAL Initiative (CIUR 2342)

On February 4, 2021, Council approved resolution 20210204-049, a resolution relating the creation of a Housing-Focused Homeless Encampment Assistance Link (HEAL) initiative, intended to connect individuals experiencing homelessness to housing and services in certain identified areas. An update was requested at or prior to the March 4th, 2021 meeting of the Austin City Council.

From February 11th - 26th, all staff members of the Homeless Strategy Division were dedicated to the response to the cold weather disaster related to Winter Storm Uri. As such, additional time to complete an update on this resolution is needed.

A staff response is expected by April 1st, with regular updates to Mayor and Council thereafter, as directed by the resolution.

Please feel free to contact me at 512-228-8785 or <u>dianna.grey@austintexas.gov</u> should you have questions.

cc: Spencer Cronk, City Manager Nuria Rivera-Vandermyde, Deputy City Manager