

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Veronica Briseño, Chief Economic Recovery Officer

DATE: April 7, 2021

SUBJECT: Update Regarding Council Resolution No. 20210325-066

The purpose of this memo is to update Council on <u>Resolution No. 20210325-066</u>, which directed the City Manager to address the continued impact of COVID-19 by encouraging employers to create programs that will increase access to COVID-19 vaccines by their employees, identifying funding to prioritize mobile testing and vaccination programs, increasing access to food, continuing support for small businesses, and developing mental health services. Staff completed the direction from this Resolution.

The City of Austin's Economic Recovery Strike Team published <u>the COVID-19 Economic Recovery and Resiliency</u> <u>Framework</u> on March 23, 2021. The Strike Team also presented the framework to Council during the March 23, 2021 Council Work Session. <u>View the Strike Team's presentation online</u>. Among other things, the framework included opportunities for prioritizing mobile testing and vaccination programs, increasing access to food, continuing support for small businesses, and developing mental health services.

Additionally, City staff currently encourage employers to create programs that increase access to COVID-19 testing and vaccination by their employees. <u>Visit the City of Austin's COVID-19 webpage</u> for resources regarding COVID-19 vaccine information and additional health and safety information for local employers.

Please contact me at <u>Veronica.Briseno@austintexas.gov</u> if you have any questions or if I can provide any additional information regarding this update.

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