



## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Mayor and Council Members

**FROM:** Brion Oaks, Chief Equity Officer,   
Equity Office

**DATE:** July 30, 2021

**SUBJECT:** Deadline Extension Request for Resolution No. 20210304-067

On March 4, 2021 Council passed Resolution No. 20210304-067 directing the City Manager to “conduct a study and provide a report outlining the economic value of the direct, indirect, intentional, and unintentional harm caused through economic, health, environmental, criminal injustice, and other racial disparities and declination of resources by the City to be developed through the partnership between The University of Texas at Austin LBJ School of Public Affairs and Huston-Tillotson University.”

The Resolution also states, “The City desires to create a centralized Black resource and cultural center - a Black Embassy - that is geared to the success and cultural promotion of the demographics in need by providing relevant resources, and support for existing and future black-led businesses and organizations, in a central location in East Austin. The City Manager is directed to return to Council with a planning scope, process and funding recommendation for how to accomplish this.” The City Manager is also directed to report back to Council by August 1, 2021 with the analysis and report requested by this Resolution.

The purpose of this memorandum is to confirm that staff have identified researchers from the University of Texas at Austin and Huston-Tillotson University to conduct a study which outlines the economic value lost by Black Austin residents due to systemic and institutional racism. Staff have finalized the interlocal agreement with The University of Texas at Austin to provide the report. Staff have also been in many conversations with Black community members, leaders, and organizations to inform the scope of work. The request is for an extended due date of January 31, 2022 to allow for robust research, engagement, and analysis in creation of the report.

Please contact Brion Oaks ([brion.oaks@austintexas.gov](mailto:brion.oaks@austintexas.gov)), Chief Equity Officer, if you have further questions. Thank you.

**XC:** Spencer Cronk, City Manager  
Anne Morgan, Interim Deputy City Manager  
CMO Executive Team