




MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and Council Members

THROUGH: Stephanie Hayden-Howard, Assistant City Manager

FROM: Dianna Grey, Homeless Strategy Officer 

DATE: September 14, 2021

SUBJECT: Staff Update on Resolution No. 20210610-085

On June 10, 2021, Austin City Council adopted [Resolution No. 20210610-085](#) directing the City Manager to engage in dialogue with Williamson, Travis and Hays county officials and social service providers to comprehensively address homelessness. The resolution specified that dialogue should focus on homelessness related opportunities of mutual interest to include real estate transactions and other shared investments.

On July 29, 2021, a staff [memo](#) reported that the Homeless Strategy Division had engaged with Travis County elected officials regarding goals identified in the Summit to Address Unsheltered Homelessness, inclusive of potential investments. The Homeless Strategy Division has also met with social service provider members of the Williamson County Homeless Coalition. Engagement with Williamson County related to the Candlewood property has been paused due to the County's stated intent to file suit against the City of Austin over the purchase, as per a vote by the Commissioners' Court on August 17, 2021.

HSD will invite relevant county staff from each jurisdiction to establish regular meetings for the purposes of ongoing dialogue on efforts to address homelessness. A report on progress will be provided by November 1, 2021.

cc: Spencer Cronk, City Manager
Anne Morgan, Interim Deputy City Manager
Deborah Thomas, Interim City Attorney
CMO Executive Team