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WHEREAS, City Council identified homelessness as the top priority

WHEREAS, City Council adopted Resolution No. 20180426-030 endorsing

WHEREAS, City Council adopted Resolution No. 20190620-184 directing

WHEREAS, the Point-In-Time (PIT) count is a count of sheltered and

WHEREAS, the PIT count aims to provide a snapshot of the individuals

WHEREAS, PIT counts are one of several data sources that help

WHEREAS, PIT counts help policymakers and program administrators

WHEREAS, PIT counts help local communities plan services and programs

WHEREAS, PIT counts help to identify strengths and gaps in a

22 **WHEREAS**, the PIT count identifies individuals and families residing in
23 unsheltered and sheltered locations such as cars, parks, streets/sidewalks,
24 emergency shelter and transitional housing; and

25 **WHEREAS**, the PIT count data can be used to secure grant funding; and

26 **WHEREAS**, the PIT count is an effective tool in determining the number of
27 people experiencing homelessness; and

28 **WHEREAS**, without adequate coverage in PIT counts of youth and veterans
29 experiencing homelessness, there is a danger they will continue to be underserved;
30 and

31 **WHEREAS**, the Williamson County Homeless Coalition completed its
32 point-in-time count in early 2022 and counted 24 total persons as unsheltered in all
33 of Williamson County; and

34 **WHEREAS**, the last PIT count from the Ending Community Homelessness
35 Coalition (ECHO) was done in 2020 and counted 2,506 people experiencing
36 homelessness; and

37 **WHEREAS**, ECHO has not completed a PIT count for the years 2021 or
38 2022 due to COVID-19 concerns; and

39 **WHEREAS**, PIT counts rely on hundreds of volunteers to reach as many
40 people as possible; and

41 **WHEREAS**, Austin service providers are preparing for the upcoming PIT
42 count in January 2023; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

The City Council establishes the formal policy goal of ensuring that future PIT counts are completed at least as often as required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for Continuums of Care, including a minimum of every other year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

The City Manager is directed to help coordinate with ECHO on the PIT count for 2023, including but not limited to recruitment and marketing to the community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

Following each year that the PIT count is completed the City Manager will proactively ensure that the City Council is briefed with a presentation during a work session.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

The City Council members commit to leveraging their office's resources to recruit additional volunteers for the 2023 upcoming PIT count.

ADOPTED: _____, 2022 **ATTEST:** _____

Myrna Rios
City Clerk