

**RESOLUTION NO. 20220728-095**

**WHEREAS**, City Council identified homelessness as the top priority indicator in Austin's Strategic Direction 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, City Council adopted Resolution No. 20180426-030 endorsing the Austin Action Plan to End Homelessness; and

**WHEREAS**, City Council adopted Resolution No. 20190620-184 directing the City Manager to explore a variety of options to address homelessness; and

**WHEREAS**, the Point-In-Time (PIT) count is a count of sheltered and unsheltered persons experiencing homelessness; and

**WHEREAS**, the PIT count aims to provide a snapshot of the individuals and families experiencing homelessness in a geographical area, over the course of one night; and

**WHEREAS**, PIT counts are one of several data sources that help policymakers; and

**WHEREAS**, PIT counts help policymakers and program administrators track progress toward the goal of ending homelessness; and

**WHEREAS**, PIT counts help local communities plan services and programs to appropriately address local needs and measure progress in decreasing homelessness; and

**WHEREAS**, PIT counts help to identify strengths and gaps in a community's current homeless assistance system; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**WHEREAS**, Austin service providers are preparing for the upcoming PIT 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:** July 28, 2022

**ATTEST:**

  
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Myrna Rios  
City Clerk