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3 **WHEREAS**, the Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan includes several policies
4 related to collaboration with local school districts in planning for public facilities and
5 community services; and

6 **WHEREAS**, over the last 15 years, multiple work groups and task forces have
7 recommended strategies for the City of Austin (COA) and the Austin Independent School
8 District (AISD) to improve their coordination, collaboration, and planning efforts; and

9 **WHEREAS**, examples of those groups include AISD’s 2008 Community
0 Committee on Neighborhoods and Schools, the COA’s 2008 Families and Children Task
1 Force and the 2011 Urban Parks Work Group, the 2011 AISD Facilities Master Plan Task
2 Force, and the 2014 Families with Children work group of the Joint Subcommittee of
3 AISD, the COA, and Travis County; and

4 **WHEREAS**, the Families and Children Task Force recommended that the City of
5 Austin create and achieve the goal of becoming the most family-friendly city in the nation;
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7 **WHEREAS**, in 2010, Council passed Resolution No. 20100729-041, which
8 authorized an interlocal agreement with Travis County and the Austin Independent School
9 District (AISD) implementing the recommendations of the Joint Subcommittee of the
10 City, Travis County and AISD, regarding developing policies supportive of families and
11 children, and neighborhoods and schools; and

22 **WHEREAS**, in 2014 the City of Austin increased its financial contribution to
23 programs that operate in AISD schools and serve a municipal purpose, including Family
24 Resource Centers, afterschool programs, and parent-teacher support specialists; and

25 **WHEREAS**, City Council adopted Resolution 20161103-045 directing the City
26 Manager to have the City’s Strategic Facilities Governance Team work with other local
27 governmental and quasi-governmental entities, including AISD, to create a process for
28 identifying opportunities within each entity’s real estate portfolio to achieve shared
29 priority policy goals, such as creating affordable and permanent supportive housing,
30 supporting transportation goals, or supporting space for creatives on sites or within
31 facilities that no longer are needed to serve their original purpose; and

32 **WHEREAS**, in 2016, the Joint Subcommittee of AISD, the City of Austin, and
33 Travis County prioritized the development of a joint project to build affordable housing
34 on publicly owned land and in Fall 2018 affirmed its commitment to re-engaging this
35 discussion; and

36 **WHEREAS**, City Council adopted Resolution 20161013-005, providing the
37 authority that enabled the City Manager to respond to AISD’s requests for proposals to
38 lease, purchase, or partner several of its properties; and

39 **WHEREAS**, in Resolution 20161013-005 and other resolutions, the City Council
40 has identified income-restricted affordable housing (particularly in high opportunity
41 areas), work force development, open space and recreation, child care, environmental

42 protection, and other community benefits as priorities in future use and redevelopment of
43 publicly owned land; and

44 **WHEREAS**, despite substantial increases in the Austin area population, AISD has
45 seen a persistent decline in student enrollment. The “Ten Year Student Population
46 Projections: Fall 2017 – 2026” report projects that the pre-kindergarten – 12th grade district
47 population is projected to decline by 4,266 students over the ten-year projection time
48 frame, for a net decrease of 4.8%; and

49 **WHEREAS**, since 2013 it is estimated that AISD has lost approximately \$155
50 million due to under-enrollment; and

51 **WHEREAS**, in compliance with Chapter 41 of the Texas Education Code AISD
52 submits approximately 55% of its revenue to the state. FY 2019 projections anticipate that
53 AISD will submit \$669.6 million to the state. It is estimated that this revenue recapture
54 will increase an additional \$115 million in FY 2020; and

55 **WHEREAS**, from FY 2002 to FY 2019 AISD will have submitted more than \$3.7
56 billion to the state; and

57 **WHEREAS**, these factors have created significant operating and capital funding
58 gaps for AISD and have forced the district to consider options for reducing expenses and
59 increasing revenue in order to maintain and enhance its core mission of providing a
60 comprehensive educational experience that is high-quality, challenging, and inspires all
61 students to make a positive contribution to society; and

WHEREAS, to improve student academic success AISD is considering potential school closures, facility leasing, school consolidations, and boundary changes; and

WHEREAS, as part of its Facilities Master Planning process, it may be appropriate for AISD to consider the community benefits potential of a site when deciding the future of a campus or district facility as part of the decision-making and vetting process; and

WHEREAS, by this resolution the City Council does not desire to advocate for any particular action concerning the use of AISD campuses nor any long-term budget decisions that AISD may confront, but instead aims to provide information that could enhance the decision-making process and to reiterate its commitment to partner on solutions that would yield strong benefits for students and the community at large; **NOW**,

THEREFORE,

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

The City Council reaffirms its ongoing and sincere commitment to collaborate with AISD for the benefit of the students and families within its district boundaries.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

The City Council directs the City Manager to prioritize the existing and ongoing collaborative work of the Strategic Facilities Governance Team with AISD to identify opportunities to achieve shared priority policy goals, including without limitation:

- Income-restricted affordable housing in high-opportunity areas or areas susceptible to gentrification and displacement;
- Workforce development;
- Open space and recreation;

- 84 • Child care;
85 • Environmental protection; and
86 • Other community benefits;
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88 and to provide information and regular updates to AISD, to the City Council, and to the
89 Joint Subcommittee.

90 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

91 The City Council asks the AISD Board of Trustees and Administration to consider
92 opportunities to provide community benefits on all or part of campus sites as appropriate
93 in upcoming facilities and budget deliberations.

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96 **ADOPTED:** _____, 2019

ATTEST: _____

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Jannette S. Goodall
City Clerk