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Austin City Council

Re: Support for May 2, 2024 consent agenda item #64, A resolution concerning the use of City resources for regulation of gender-related healthcare.

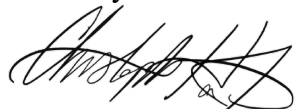
Austin City Council Members and Mayor Watson,

Texas Health Action supports the proposed resolution regarding use of the City's resources for the regulation of gender-related healthcare. We see first-hand the benefits and improved health outcomes of transgender and non-binary people who access healthcare through our programs Kind Clinic and Waterloo Counseling Center.

Efforts to restrict healthcare access to specific groups of people are purely and blatantly discriminatory and inconsistent with the healthcare needs of trans and non-binary Austinites. Health and access to healthcare are vital components of quality of life. As a healthcare provider with a specialty in serving LGBTQIA+ people and people impacted by HIV, we support and affirm best-practice medical care as fundamental to quality of life.

Texas Health Action supports the City in its approach to using its limited resources to address the most pressing of issues of its residents which typically does not include preventing people from accessing or providing legally available healthcare. We are heartened by the City's commitment to LGBTQIA+ people and affirming providers and hope the City will continue to find ways to support healthcare as a basic human right.

Sincerely



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