

26 **WHEREAS**, housing support, caring adult connections, coordinated
27 transition planning, and flexible financial assistance are recognized as important
28 protective factors for youth leaving foster care; and

29 **WHEREAS**, the City has a substantial interest in preventing homelessness,
30 advancing equity, supporting youth well-being, and strengthening community-
31 based systems of care for transition-age young people; **NOW, THEREFORE,**

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

33 Council emphasizes youth transitioning out of foster care in the City's
34 policy, and intergovernmental planning and directs the City Manager to explore
35 and report back on opportunities to support this population through the following
36 actions:

- 37 1. Develop targeted housing interventions for transition-age youth with
38 foster care history, including rapid rehousing, transitional housing, move-
39 in assistance, emergency rental assistance, landlord incentives, and other
40 homelessness-prevention tools.
- 41 2. Expand support for nonprofit and community-based providers serving
42 youth exiting foster care, including organizations providing housing
43 navigation, case management, mentoring, behavioral health services,
44 legal services, education support, workforce development, and basic-
45 needs assistance.
- 46 3. Strengthen transition navigation and care coordination so that youth
47 aging out of care are connected, prior to discharge where possible, to
48 housing planning, identification documents, healthcare, transportation,
49 public benefits, employment supports, and stable adult support systems.

4. Establish or expand flexible emergency assistance for transition-age youth with foster care experience to address immediate needs such as rent gaps, deposits, utilities, food, transportation, childcare, and work-related expenses that may otherwise result in homelessness or housing instability.
5. Improve cross-system coordination among the City, Travis County, Austin Public Health, school districts, the local homelessness response system, youth-serving nonprofits, and relevant state agencies to strengthen referral pathways, discharge planning, and continuity of care.
6. Track outcomes and promote accountability through regular reporting on City-funded efforts supporting transition-age foster youth, including housing stability, service utilization, and other available outcome measures, while protecting individual privacy.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

Council directs the City Manager to advocate for stronger statewide support for youth aging out of foster care, including:

1. Increased state funding for housing assistance, aftercare, and homelessness-prevention services for youth exiting foster care;
2. Strengthened access to and continuity in Extended Foster Care through age 21;
3. Improved statewide transition-planning standards so that youth leave care with housing plans, identification documents, healthcare continuity, and connections to education and workforce supports; and
4. Stronger coordination among the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services, housing agencies, workforce systems, and local

75 homelessness-response systems so that youth do not fall into crisis upon
76 reaching adulthood.

77 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

78 Council recognizes preventing homelessness among youth transitioning out
79 of foster care as a housing, equity, public health, and human rights concern and
80 directs the City Manager to consider local investments as part of the City’s broader
81 homelessness-prevention strategy.

82 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

83 The City Manager is directed to report back plans for establishing,
84 strengthening, and expanding intergovernmental legislative policy development,
85 City policy development and local partnerships to support youth transitioning out
86 of foster care to Council no later than July 17, 2026.

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89 **ADOPTED:** _____, 2026

ATTEST: _____

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