

**WHEREAS**, the City has a variety of needs best addressed by a bond election, including housing, transportation, animal shelter, parks, and other critical needs; and

**WHEREAS**, the City values community input regarding bond initiatives and initiatives that should be part of a climate program and has initiated and completed several studies to identify City service needs in the past before going to the voters with a bond initiative; and

**WHEREAS**, an overall comprehensive bond program should include a climate bond election as a component; and

**WHEREAS**, the City wants a comprehensive, model climate program both in outcomes that benefit Austinites and in the method by which the program is created to assure credibility and successful outcomes; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

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

24 The City Manager is directed to bring to Council two items: 1) a  
25 comprehensive bond package that funds and addresses climate, infrastructure, and  
26 any other public improvements for the purpose of conducting an election no later  
27 than November 2026, and 2) a comprehensive climate implementation program of  
28 which one component is the climate bond initiative contained in the comprehensive  
29 bond package.

30 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

31 A Bond Election Advisory Task Force shall be established to inform the  
32 creation of this comprehensive bond package, and shall comprise of relevant  
33 community stakeholders, as appointed by Council. The task force shall serve as a  
34 critical source of community engagement, while delivering a thoughtful and  
35 deliberate bond consideration process.

36 The Bond Election Advisory Task Force shall consider current and future  
37 planned projects as well as past bond considerations when recommending a  
38 comprehensive bond package.

39 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

40 The City Manager, as a part of the comprehensive climate implementation  
41 program, shall provide a detailed and thorough means for investing in our climate.  
42 This implementation program should build on and implement previous  
43 recommendations, including, but not limited to, previous climate-related  
44 recommendations, the Austin Climate Equity Plan, Water Forward, the Austin  
45 Strategic Mobility Plan, and the Austin Strategic Housing Blueprint.

Funding for this implementation program shall not be limited to general obligation bonds but should identify other funding mechanisms, including innovative ways to leverage the City's utilities and enterprise departments.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

The City Manager shall provide Council with updates on the progress of the comprehensive climate implementation program and the Bond Election Advisory Task Force shall provide Council with regular updates.

**ADOPTED:** \_\_\_\_\_, 2024    **ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Myrna Rios  
City Clerk