

1 **RESOLUTION NO.**

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3 **WHEREAS**, the City of Austin’s comprehensive plan, Imagine Austin, calls
4 for the creation of “complete communities...defined by amenities, transportation,
5 services, and opportunities that fulfill all Austinites’ material, social, and economic
6 needs. These achieve these outcomes while protecting our important environmental
7 resources and preserving our identity, culture, and sense of place. A complete
8 community provides access to employment, shopping, learning, open space,
9 recreation, and other amenities and services;” and

10 **WHEREAS**, this includes a focus on the creation of centers and corridors
11 that include a mix of commercial and residential uses, so that the economic needs
12 of residents may be met in walkable, bikeable, transit-connected districts, such as
13 Economic and Cultural Districts; and

14 **WHEREAS**, focusing commercial activity in this way provides numerous
15 social, health, and ecological benefits; and

16 **WHEREAS**, Economic and Cultural Districts allow for targeted place-based
17 economic development that encourages shared patronage, mutually beneficial
18 initiatives between neighboring businesses and organizations, and the potential to
19 harvest enhanced real estate and commercial value for community benefits; and

20 **WHEREAS**, the Economic and Cultural District Framework Policy aims to
21 capitalize on the considerable economic benefits derived from concentrating
22 economic activity within clearly defined and contiguous districts; and

23 **WHEREAS**, by fostering well-defined districts, the City can effectively
24 support thriving commercial areas and spaces for cultural preservation and
25 celebration while promoting community development; **NOW, THEREFORE,**

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

The City Council adopts the Economic and Cultural Districts Framework Policy, attached as Exhibit A.

ADOPTED: _____, 2024 **ATTEST:** _____

Myrna Rios
City Clerk

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