

3 **RESOLUTION NO.**

4 **WHEREAS**, on October 10, 2024, Council adopted the Austin/Travis
5 County Food Plan; and

6 **WHEREAS**, the Austin/Travis County Food Plan establishes a goal to
7 “expand access to nutritious and culturally relevant food in food distribution
8 programs and food retail locations for residents of Austin/Travis County
9 experiencing food insecurity or facing barriers to food access (proximity, mobility,
10 income, and availability) with priority investment in areas experiencing high rates
11 of food insecurity;” and

12 **WHEREAS**, according to Feeding America Map the Meal Gap Reports in
13 2023, 16.4% of children in Travis County’s population were food insecure; and

14 **WHEREAS**, the City has an interlocal agreement with Austin Independent
15 School District for the provision of resources connecting parents and families to
16 family-centered and other social services through parent support specialists; and

17 **WHEREAS**, the proposed budget for fiscal year 2025-2026 includes
18 \$1,290,000 in ongoing general funds for parent support specialists; and

19 **WHEREAS**, a pilot program of school food pantries located at Title I
20 elementary schools in Austin and surrounding areas had the following outcomes, as
21 documented in a Central Texas Food Bank survey of caregiver-participants:

- 22 • Increased access to nutritious food,
- 23 • Reduced financial strain,
- 24 • Perceived improvement in stress,
- 25 • Improved caregiver’s perception of the school,
- 26 • Reduced feelings of stigma when needing support from a pantry, and
- 27 • Perceived improvement in household’s eating habits;

32 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE**
33 **CITY OF AUSTIN:**

34 The City Manager is directed to partner with local school districts and the Central
35 Texas Food Bank to establish on-site food pantries ~~and parent support specialists~~
36 at Title I elementary schools ~~within the City limits~~ that have both an Austin
37 address and a parent support specialist, or a person with a similar role.
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39 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

40 Priority shall be given to Title I schools with the designation of Campuses
41 Identified for Comprehensive Support under the Every Student Succeeds Act
42 (ESSA) or Campuses Identified for Targeted Support under the ESSA.

43 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVER:**

44 After selection of elementary schools has been made, the City shall fund
45 infrastructure for on-site food pantries, including refrigerators, freezers, and
46 shelving.

47 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

48 The City Manager is directed to report back on the progress of school
49 selection by no later than November of 2025.

50 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

51 The City Manager is directed to present Council with reports on the progress
52 of this resolution by January of 2026.

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54 **ADOPTED:** _____, 2025 **ATTEST:** _____

55 Erika Brady
56 City Clerk

