

1 **RESOLUTION NO.**

2 **WHEREAS**, gun violence is a public health epidemic; and

3 **WHEREAS**, gun violence comes in many forms, including homicide,
4 assault, suicide, and accidental injury; and

5 **WHEREAS**, according to the Office of Violence Prevention, firearm-
6 related injuries are among the five leading causes of death for people ages 1-64 in
7 the United States; and

8 **WHEREAS**, according to the Kaiser Family Foundation, firearms are
9 involved in the deaths of more children ages 1-17 than any other type of injury or
10 illness, surpassing motor vehicles in 2020; furthermore, the United States has far
11 and away the highest child and teen firearm mortality rate among peer nations, and
12 that rate is even higher among states with the least firearm law provisions; and

13 **WHEREAS**, Texas has insufficient gun safety laws, allowing for the
14 permitless open carry of firearms, while preempting local governments from
15 implementing many gun safety measures of their own; and

16 **WHEREAS**, despite these obstacles, the City Council has previously
17 pursued efforts to reduce gun violence, including Resolution Nos. 20220616-086,
18 20210422-059, 20200206-053, 20190822-069, 20190808-149, and 20190207-033;
19 and

20 **WHEREAS**, the Office of Violence Prevention, since its founding in 2021,
21 was conceived as a strategic and equitable investment to increase public safety in
22 Austin, and has spearheaded gun violence prevention programs including Safe Gun
23 Storage Saves Lives and a Firearm Surrender Protocol; and

24 **WHEREAS**, Safe Gun Storage Saves Lives is a campaign that partners with
25 the Office of Violence Prevention, the Texas Department of Public Safety, the
26 Austin Police Department, the Travis County District Attorney’s Office, and Lock
27 Arms for Life to educate gun owners on the importance of safe firearm storage,
28 while also providing free gun locks to the community; and

29 **WHEREAS**, City employees receive active shooter training as part of New
30 Employee Orientation; and

31 **WHEREAS**, Active Shooter Attack Prevention and Preparedness training
32 helps people prevent, prepare for, and respond to active shooter incidents, based on
33 the principles of Run, Hide, Fight; and

34 **WHEREAS**, the City regularly hosts successful community preparedness ad
35 awareness events; and

36 **WHEREAS**, the City is committed to ensuring the health and safety of
37 Austin residents, first responders, and visitors; **NOW, THEREFORE,**

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

39 The City Manager is directed to analyze opportunities for the City to host
40 public community events focused on safe firearm storage, active shooter training,
41 stop the bleed training, and other public safety resources or trainings designed to
42 prevent or respond to gun violence, and this analysis shall at least include:

- 43 1. Which City departments are best suited to collaborate on these events;
- 44 2. The cost for providing these kinds of events to the public; and

45 3. The feasibility of hosting multiple of these kinds of events in a single day
46 at multiple locations across the City as part of a “Gun Safety Day in
47 Austin” campaign.

48 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

49 The City Manager is directed to analyze the cost and feasibility of any
50 outstanding requests from any department, board, or commission related to gun
51 safety measures.

52 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

53 The City Manager is directed to return to Council with the results of this
54 analysis by May 15, 2025.

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

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58 Myrna Rios
59 City Clerk
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