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MEMO

August 13, 2025

To: Austin City Council and Travis County Commissioners Court

Subject: Articles of Incorporation—Board Member Terms

On August 13, 2025 the Sobering Center Board of Directors approved a motion to align the dates of the board members term expirations in our Articles of Incorporation so that they all fall in December (minutes attached). As per our governing documents, any changes to the Sobering Center By-Laws or Articles of Incorporation require approval by both local bodies of government who created the Sobering Center and appoint the Board of Directors. In 2018, a change to the Articles of Incorporation, ARTICLE IX: INITIAL BOARD was approved by Council and Commissioners to stagger the years and shorten the board terms a bit since they did not want to lose continuity in leadership or historical knowledge if all the terms of the initial board ended at the same month and year. During that change, we amended the Articles of Incorporation so that the years of the term endings were staggered and positions of the City Council member and the County Commissioner on the board ended in December while every other board member's term ended in September. This has made things confusing unnecessarily for Sobering Center staff as well as City and County staff, so the Sobering Center seeks to align all term ending dates to December of the year in which the term expires, rather than September.

This issue is time sensitive as we have two board members with terms expiring in September 2025, and we would like to align their dates to match the other expirations in December 2025. Please reach out to me directly with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Laura Elmore LeBlanc

Laura Elmore LeBlanc, LMSW-AP
Chief Executive Officer
Sobering Center

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