

25 **WHEREAS**, the Austin Travis County Food Plan incorporates the
26 community’s vision and core values for our local food system; and

27 **WHEREAS**, The Austin/Travis County community has been deeply
28 engaged in shaping this Plan, demonstrated by community member participation in
29 Plan meetings and events, feedback collected, and the commitment of many
30 individuals working tirelessly on all aspects of the planning process; and

31 **WHEREAS**, the Austin Travis County Food Plan is a set of priorities for
32 the next five years developed by city and county-wide partners from a variety of
33 background across the food system; and

34 **WHEREAS**, the Austin Travis County Food Plan honors local agencies and
35 actors who have previously identified strategies to advance our food system; and

36 **WHEREAS**, the Austin Travis County Food Plan is an active living
37 document that will ignite and mobilize a local food movement centered around the
38 implementation of the Plan; and

39 **WHEREAS**, on June 10, 2024, the Austin Travis County Food Policy
40 Board approved the Austin Travis County Food Plan; and

41 **WHEREAS**, on October 8, 2024, the Travis County Commissioners Court
42 approved the Austin Travis County Food Plan; and

43 **WHEREAS**, on October 10, 2024, the City Council will vote to approve the
44 adoption of Austin Travis County Food Plan, which sets the vision and goals for
45 achieving a just, accessible, and culturally diverse food system in Austin/Travis
46 County for the next five years; and

47 **WHEREAS**, the Austin Travis County Food Plan includes a number of
48 strategies that may be implemented and/or launched in the short-term, and the
49 imperative to act means City Council cannot wait for the next budget cycle to
50 make investments that further advance the strategies outlined therein; **NOW**,
51 **THEREFORE**,

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

53 City Council affirms support for the vision, goals, and strategies outlined
54 within the Austin Travis County Food Plan.

55 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

56 In adopting the Austin Travis County Food Plan, the City Council recognizes
57 that the City is one partner of many of the community co-created plan, and therefore
58 directs the City Manager to:

- 59 • Work with Plan partners, businesses, and the community to develop an
60 asset map of available resources and current food system conditions.
- 61 • Use the strategies and goals outlined in the Austin Travis County Food
62 Plan to create a roadmap with actionable steps for the City to prioritize and
63 lead.
- 64 • Identify ongoing funding and partnership opportunities to implement
65 Plan strategies.
- 66 • Continue to engage and support community-based organizations, school
67 districts and higher education entities, small and large businesses, faith
68 communities, grassroots initiatives, and individual community members to
69 collaboratively achieve all goals within the Plan.

71 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

72 The City Manager is directed to identify and clearly define leadership roles
73 and responsibilities over the implementation of the various strategies within the
74 Austin Travis County Food Plan, including defining metrics and measurements of
75 success. Furthermore, the City Manager is directed to return to Council with an
76 update by March 2025 and provide ~~quarterly~~biannual updates on the implementation
77 of the Plan.

78 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

79 The City Manager is directed to identify and prioritize the strategies within
80 the Austin Travis County Food Plan that address racial inequities and have a large
81 impact on displacement, food access and insecurity, food workers, emergency food
82 preparedness and response, and agricultural land. Staff shall identify strategy
83 priorities to be included as part of the next bond package.

84 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

85 The City Manager is directed to identify funding in the Fiscal Year 2026
86 budget for investment in and implementation of the Austin Travis County Food
87 Plan. In the meantime, the City Manager is directed to identify strategies in the
88 Plan that do not require a budget amendment and can be launched in the near-term.

89 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

90 Before the end of the Plan’s initial five-year time frame, the City Manager is
91 directed to work with the Austin Travis County Food Policy Board and Plan
92 partners to assess the state of the Plan and provide a recommendation to update the

93 ~~Plan accordingly. Upon adoption of the Plan, the City Manager is directed to~~
94 ~~commence the planning process to update the Plan within the next five years.~~
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96 **ADOPTED:** _____, 2024 **ATTEST:** _____
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Myrna Rios
City Clerk
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