## **RESOLUTION NO.**

**WHEREAS**, in 2021, Council approved the Austin Climate Equity Plan that described 74 strategies to equitably reach net-zero community-wide greenhouse gas emissions by 2040; and

WHEREAS, according to an August 2022 quarterly update, three of 74 strategies are complete, 41 are underway, and many strategies require substantial investment to achieve; and

**WHEREAS**, Council approved Resolution No. 20240215-025, which called for an investment plan to implement the Austin Climate Equity Plan; and

WHEREAS, the resulting memo to Council issued on May 21, 2024, by the Chief Sustainability Officer provided two attachments of Staff and Joint Sustainability Committee recommendations for climate and environment capital improvements or programs; and

WHEREAS, the Austin Climate Equity Plan establishes goals for the management of natural systems including, "By 2030, all City-owned lands are included under a management plan that results in neutral or negative carbon emissions and maximizes community benefits."; and

WHEREAS, on October 10, 2024, Council adopted the Austin/Travis

County Food Plan, which was co-created with the community to set clear goals and strategies to move toward a more equitable, sustainable, and resilient food system; and

WHEREAS, the Austin/Travis County Food Plan includes Strategy 1.6, "Establish opportunities for community-led regenerative food production on areas of publicly owned land that are well-suited to agriculture, including parkland, public right-of-way, and floodplain buyout land, where appropriate."; and

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WHEREAS, on December 12, 2024, Council approved the Austin Energy Resource, Generation and Climate Protection Plan to 2035, which includes goals for promoting innovative local solar solutions; and

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WHEREAS, the Austin Energy Resource, Generation and Climate Protection Plan to 2035 calls for adding at least 245 megawatts of local solar power generation capacity over the next 10 years, which represents thousands of acres of new solar panels; NOW, THEREFORE,

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

The City Manager is directed to establish a real estate development strategy and asset management system to evaluate existing City-owned lands for climate project usage, including but not limited to carbon sequestration, sustainable food production, and renewable energy generation, that will be accessible across City departments.

## BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

The City Manager is directed to provide a report to Council with updates and recommendations responsive to this resolution by February 2026.

ADOPTED:	, 2025	ATTEST:	
			Erika Brady
			City Clerk