

26 life below water; life on land; peace, justice and strong institutions; and partnership
27 for the goals; and

28 **WHEREAS**, the UN SDGs highlight the connections between the
29 environmental, social, and economic aspects of sustainable development; and

30 **WHEREAS**, the UN SDGs serve as an urgent call for action to tackle
31 climate change in a global partnership while amplifying the climate inequities and
32 injustices low-income communities and communities of color disproportionately
33 shoulder; and

34 **WHEREAS**, the UN SDGs have influenced global and national debates but
35 have struggled to achieve transformative changes in policy and institutional
36 structures, complicating the global endeavor towards sustainable development; and

37 **WHEREAS**, the City is an active leader in sustainability and climate justice
38 with the adoption and guidance of Council-approved plans, including the Austin
39 Climate Equity Plan, Water Forward Plan, the Austin/Travis County Food Plan,
40 Austin Strategic Mobility Plan, the Austin Energy Resource, Generation and
41 Climate Protection Plan to 2035, and many more; and

42 **WHEREAS**, these City plans and other initiatives and commitments overlap
43 with several SDGs, varying in phases of development, direction, and
44 implementation; and

45 **WHEREAS**, the UN SDG Actions Platform is a global registry of voluntary
46 policies, commitments, multi-stakeholder partnerships, and other initiatives made
47 by governments, the UN system, and a broad range of stakeholders to support
48 acceleration of the UN SDGs; and

