

28 emergency funding stream for providers during a disaster; developing and reviewing
29 after-action reports about previous Central Texas disasters to determine what lessons
30 can be gleaned, including civil unrest in the Hazard Risk Index; including an SOP that
31 uses Social Vulnerability Index and 211 data as baseline data; developing localized
32 emergency response plans for those neighborhoods/areas including working
33 cooperatively with stakeholders in those areas; and identifying an independent party of
34 diversely selected individuals who will review and assess the EOC's response; and

35 **WHEREAS**, disaster response can be improved by designating a council-
36 approved diverse community panel who will be activated at the beginning of a disaster
37 to inform the process at the highest level of the Incident Command System and
38 engaging behavioral scientists through Central Health, Austin Public Health and the
39 EOC; and

40 **WHEREAS**, during the November 4, 2021 Austin City Council meeting the
41 office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management presented a briefing on the
42 City's After Action Report related to Winter Storm Uri; and

43 **WHEREAS**, the Winter Storm Uri after-action report recognized that the storm
44 disproportionately impacted vulnerable populations; and City departments worked to
45 address needs, but there were gaps in planning and operations for unhoused, elderly,
46 lower-income residents, and other vulnerable populations; and

47 **WHEREAS**, the after-action report recommends to codify the role of the Austin
48 Equity Office in Emergency Operations Center operations and emergency and
49 continuity of operation plans; and

50 **WHEREAS**, according to the Austin Strategic Direction 2023 "Austin is a
51 beacon of sustainability, social equity and economic opportunity; where diversity and
52 creativity are celebrated; where community needs, and values are recognized;" and

53 **WHEREAS**, these recommendations should be implemented by the EOC in
54 collaboration with the community; and

55 **WHEREAS**, it is critical to ensure that future disaster responses include the
56 most vulnerable; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

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

58 The Austin City Council supports the recommendations outlined by the
59 Pandemic Equity Committee and wishes to receive updates from the EOC and the
60 Committee on their progress.

61 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

62 The City Manager is directed to take the necessary steps to implement these
63 recommendations, which shall include:

- 64 (1) Formalize the role of the Austin Equity Office in Emergency Operations
65 Center operations and emergency and continuity of operation plans, as
66 recommended by the after-action report, and
67 (2) Explore how an advisory panel might be formed to reflect and serve as the
68 community's voice to provide input to City management regarding emergency
69 management response and provide recommendations to council within 90 days of this
70 resolution.

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72 **ADOPTED:** _____, 2022

ATTEST: _____

73 Myrna Rios
74 City Clerk