RESOLUTION NO.

2	WHEREAS, in September 2019, the City Manager's Office contracted the
3	Police Executive Research Forum (PERF), in conjunction with the Women's Law
4	Project and the Wellesley Centers for Women, to undertake a comprehensive
5	assessment of the way sexual assaults reported to the Austin Police Department
6	(APD) are investigated and processed; and
7	WHEREAS, Plaintiffs filed lawsuits in Smith et. al. vs City of Austin and
8	Senko et. al. vs City of Austin challenging the legal sufficiency of APD's sexual
9	assault investigations and processes; and
10	WHEREAS, the City and the Plaintiffs in the lawsuits agreed to
11	settlements; and
12	WHEREAS, at the time of Council approval of the lawsuit settlements,
13	Council preemptively directed the City Manager to prioritize the implementation
14	of the policy and budgetary recommendations of the PERF final report; and
15	WHEREAS, on November 14, 2022, the final PERF report—entitled
16	APD Review, Reported Sexual Assault Comprehensive Evaluation—was
17	released, and included comprehensive findings and over 100 recommendations;
18	and
19	WHEREAS, APD worked with the Austin/Travis County Sexual Assault
20	Response and Resource Team (SARRT) to address the PERF recommendations
21	and take actions, including revisions to APD policies and procedures; and
22	WHEREAS, the Collective Sex Crimes Response Model (CSCRM) was
23	established in early 2023 to coordinate the full response to the PERF report and

24	related lawsuit settlements, and includes representatives from APD, SARRT,
25	nonprofit and community organizations, survivors and survivor advocates; and
26	WHEREAS, the work of the CSCRM is significant in scope, spanning
27	multiple working groups, and has identified serious unmet funding requirements
28	and additional needs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025; and
29	WHEREAS, funding has been allocated to support APD comprehensive
30	sexual assault/trauma curriculum development and delivery, additional detective
31	hours on misdemeanor and cold cases, the hiring of a CSCRM project manager, the
32	implementation of a survivor survey and a stipend for volunteer project members,
33	among others; and
34	WHEREAS, law enforcement staffing shortages and hiring challenges are
35	impacting support for survivors of sexual assault, and training and increased
36	financial support and innovative approaches are needed to overcome these
37	shortfalls; and
38	WHEREAS, the Commission for Women recommended that the City
39	allocate investments in the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 budget to ensure complete and
40	timely implementation of the actions resulting from and recommended by the
41	PERF report and CSCRM; NOW, THEREFORE,
42	BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:
43	The City Manager is directed to prioritize funding for APD and the City
44	Fiscal Year 2024-2025 unmet needs funding request detailed in the Commission on
45	Women's recommendation 20240306-004 in the City Manager's upcoming
46	proposed budget.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

The City Manager is directed to provide a written update to Council on the implementation of the PERF recommendations, including details on which of the items listed in the Commission on Women's recommendation 20240306-004 have been funded in the Manager's proposed budget, and this update shall be provided in conjunction with the release of the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 proposed budget.

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ADOPTED: _______, 2024 ATTEST: _____

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