

## RESOLUTION

**WHEREAS**, the City of Austin is committed to promoting and maintaining a leadership role in emerging technologies and telecommunications for its residents, businesses and visitors; and

**WHEREAS**, it is a goal of the City of Austin to promote technology availability and access to its residents, businesses and visitors; and

**WHEREAS**, it is a goal of the City of Austin to eliminate the digital divide that exists within the Austin community; and

**WHEREAS**, it is important that the City of Austin understand fully the community's level of technical literacy and education; and

**WHEREAS**, it is important that the City of Austin understand fully the changes in emerging technology and telecommunications and how those changes affect residents, businesses and visitors; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Austin has not formally studied the needs, desires and availability of communications technology in the Austin community since 1996; and

**WHEREAS**, the technological landscape has dramatically changed locally and globally over the last twelve years;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE AUSTIN COMMUNITY TECHNOLOGY AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION:**

To recommend to Austin City Council to approve the funds necessary to conduct and support a technology ascertainment study to be administered through the City's Office of Telecommunications and Regulatory Affairs (TARA) to better understand community technological needs and desires.

DATE: February 13, 2008

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