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WHEREAS, Sustainable Procurement is defined by the National Institute for Governmental Purchasing as a practice that considers the social, economic, and environmental aspects of purchasing in order to contribute positively to the community; and

WHEREAS, Sustainable Procurement can result in financial benefits to the City by, among other things, increasing overall efficiency in the delivery and use of goods and services, reducing end-of-life disposal costs, and developing market capacity, innovation and competition; and

WHEREAS, Sustainable Procurement can also benefit the City through reduced legal, ethical, financial, and security risks in our supply chains; and

WHEREAS, Sustainable Procurement increases internal and external stakeholders' awareness of the City's social, economic, and environmental goals; and

WHEREAS, Sustainable Procurement expresses the City's values and policies through its substantial spending power; and

WHEREAS, the City already has in place several programs that promote Sustainable Procurement, including: Resolution No. 15-2141, establishing that suppliers and contractors shall pay employees a living wage, passed on November 10, 2015; Resolution No. 20-0853, expanding the City's local preference program and passed on May 27, 2020; Resolution No. 20-1430, updating the Minority/Women Business Enterprises program to reduce racial and gender disparities in contracting, passed on September 23, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on March 24, 2021, the Dallas City Council passed Resolution No. 21-0503, the Equity Resolution, which, among other things, directs City staff to enhance diversity and inclusion and ensure antiracism principles in contracting and to make equity a priority for residents of all racial, ethnic, and national origins; and

WHEREAS, consistent with the City's Living Wage and Equity Resolutions and with the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the City seeks to ensure that taxpayer dollars are not spent on goods or services involving enslaved or trafficked persons; and

WHEREAS, on May 26, 2004, the Dallas City Council adopted a policy for Environmental Preferred Purchasing to provide good stewardship of the environment by purchasing products or services that have a lesser impact on human health and the environment through Resolution No. 04-1722; and

WHEREAS, on June 3, 2008, the City of Dallas received ISO 14001:2015 certification as an Environmental Management System that implements green procurement of products and services by considering a product's life cycle; and

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WHEREAS, on October 14, 2015, the City adopted a revised Clean Fleet policy by Resolution No. 15-1867; and

WHEREAS, the City adopted a Green Energy policy on April 10, 2019 by Resolution No. 19-0484; and

WHEREAS, on May 27, 2020, City Council unanimously adopted the Comprehensive Environmental and Climate Action Plan (CECAP) directing the City Manager through the Office of Environmental Quality & Sustainability, to coordinate City of Dallas initiatives and partnerships necessary to implement the actions and goals set forth in the CECAP, convene an Environment and Sustainability Advisory Committee, towards implementation of a permanent board or commission, and provide annual reporting on progress towards meeting the goals and measurable targets set forth in this plan through Resolution No. 20-0688; and

WHEREAS, two of the CECAP's goals for fiscal year 2020-21 relevant to Sustainable Procurement are: 1) the establishment of a sustainable procurement policy; and 2) initiating a local food procurement pilot program for city-sponsored events; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the City to consider the above programs and goals collectively when creating guidelines and establishing practices in sustainable procurement; and

WHEREAS, collective consideration of these various programs and goals makes contracting more efficient and consistent and is best achieved through establishment of a cross-departmental working group led by the Office of Procurement Services; and

WHEREAS, establishing a working group to champion sustainable procurement is a national best practice; and

WHEREAS, in order to formally establish the Sustainable Procurement Policy, the City Manager recommends passage of this resolution.

Now, Therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DALLAS:

SECTION 1. That the City Council hereby adopts a comprehensive Sustainable Procurement Policy that will guide the City in making procurement decisions that positively impact the City's social, economic, and environmental health.

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SECTION 2. That City Manager shall form the Sustainable Procurement Working Group that will be led by the Director of the Office of Procurement Services and include, as standing members, representatives from the Offices of: Equity and Inclusion, Economic Development, and Environmental Quality and Sustainability, as well as all departments engaged in construction procurements and end-user departments as appropriate.

SECTION 3. That the Sustainable Procurement Working Group shall be charged with maintaining a current environmentally preferred products lists, identifying sustainability labels and standards to use in writing specifications, analyzing citywide purchases for efficiency and waste reduction opportunities, and making other recommendations related to the social, economic, and environmental aspects of contracting; these recommendations shall be included in the City's Administrative Directive 4-05, as appropriate.

SECTION 4. That the Sustainable Procurement Working Group shall develop reporting tools and conduct training for City staff as well as for suppliers and contractors.

SECTION 5. That the Sustainable Procurement Working Group shall regularly review its guidelines in response to dynamic social, economic, and environmental conditions.

SECTION 6. That the Sustainable Procurement Working Group shall present its workplan and report on its progress each fiscal year to a standing Council committee.

SECTION 7. That this resolution shall take effect immediately from and after its passage in accordance with the provisions of the Charter of the City of Dallas, and it is accordingly so resolved.