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**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS IN THE AMOUNT
OF \$1 MILLION FOR COMMUNITY INVESTMENTS IN SOCIAL JUSTICE AND
ANTI-POVERTY INITIATIVES**

WHEREAS, in the summer of 2020, the City responded to a nationwide wave of protests against racial injustice, which was reflected in Winston-Salem by a series of peaceful rallies, marches, vigils, and other activities calling on public action to support both policy reforms and investments in community equity; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council established the Community Investments Review Committee (CIRC) to consider and make recommendations for additional City investments in addressing the conditions that contribute to poverty and hardship in the community; and

WHEREAS, the CIRC recommended the following five funding categories totaling \$1 million: 1) Grants for Social Justice/Anti-poverty Initiatives (\$200,000), 2) Long-term Anti-poverty/Social Justice Strategies (\$200,000), 3) Broadband Internet Access Expansion and Training (\$300,000), 4) Heritage Preservation and Education (\$190,000), and 5) Mentorship and Neighborhood Capacity Building (\$110,000); and

WHEREAS, applications were made available for non-profit organizations to apply for community investments grants for social justice and anti-poverty initiatives; and

WHEREAS, the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee, commissioned to review and score the submitted applications, has made funding recommendations within the categories established by the CIRC with the exception of Broadband Internet Access Expansion and Training which will be managed in-house.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Winston-Salem, upon the recommendation of the Finance Committee, authorize the City Manager to execute funding agreements with local agencies as necessary to carry out the activities of social justice and/or anti-poverty initiatives in the amounts recommended by the Citizens Bond

Oversight Committee as shown on the attached Exhibit A and consistent with G.S. 160A-209 and G.S. 160A-456.