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To Whom It May Concern:

Cities have a pivotal role in the fight on climate change.

Austin works tirelessly for carbon neutrality, to have net-zero community-wide greenhouse gases by 2050, and to uphold effective strategies for resilience. As a member of the C40 Clean Air Cities Declaration, our city is one of 34 worldwide taking action against air pollution and its long-term effects.

Reaching these goals rests heavily on local action. Without platforms like Experimental Civics' event Capsule, and innovators like Sarah Sharif, cities will always struggle to achieve their ambitious goals to address global warming and carbon emissions.

Capsule seeks to gather disparate members of society into a cohesive effort for climate action. It invites people across generations to participate in a design sprint—from young entrepreneurs to retired lawyers—understanding that the burden rests on all of us to shape the future.

Acknowledging the importance of community spaces that foster collaboration across disciplines, I, Mayor Steve Adler, on behalf of the City of Austin, endorse this event, the effort, and the vision for spurring creativity and driving innovation to design the future.

Austin is proud to lead this charge. We encourage events like Capsule in the hopes that stakeholders in the climate crisis, particularly our youth and those previously excluded from the table, will be empowered to participate in ever greater capacities.

Sincerely,

Steve Adler
Mayor, City of Austin