RESOLUTION NO. 20080618-061

WHEREAS, HOSTS Mentoring & Intervention Solution Program is a research-based program designed to specifically address the individual learning needs of struggling K-12 students; and

WHEREAS, this program serves as a powerful classroom tool that ties together formative assessment data and research-based best practices with a school's existing curriculum resources to create customized learning paths for each struggling student; and

WHEREAS, for over 35 years, HOSTS Learning Solutions have helped more than one million K-12 students nationwide improve their reading skills and math proficiencies through its research-based instructional management systems, professional growth services, and mentoring and intervention programs, and

WHEREAS, HOSTS Learning Solutions are currently used in more than 525 schools in 40 of the United States, in Puerto Rico and El Salvador; and

WHEREAS, in 2007, the HOSTS program at Metz Elementary was chosen as a winner of the 2006 HOSTS Mentoring & Intervention Best Practices Award program; and
WHEREAS, the HOSTS program at Metz Elementary was one of only 20 schools nationwide to be honored out of more than 500 eligible schools, and

WHEREAS, this past year, the HOSTS program served over 400 students and had the help of more than 500 volunteers who work with both English-speaking and bilingual students, and

WHEREAS, the Texas Education Agency has designated Metz Elementary School as a “recognized” school in part because of the HOSTS program’s success; and

WHEREAS, Title 1 funding cuts have yielded a severe funding shortage putting this award winning program in jeopardy; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has identified the HOSTS program as a program to be funded through the Holly Good Neighbor Program, NOW, THEREFORE,
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

The City Manager is directed to allocate $50,000 from the Holly Good Neighbor "After School" Program to fund the HOSTS Mentoring & Intervention Solutions Program at Metz Elementary School.

ADOPTED: June 18, 2008

ATTEST: Shirley A. Gentry
City Clerk