

JOINT RESOLUTION
of the
AUSTIN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, CITY OF AUSTIN,
and COUNTY OF TRAVIS in the STATE OF TEXAS
Regarding
FAMILIES, CHILDREN, NEIGHBORHOODS AND SCHOOLS

WHEREAS, families and children, neighborhoods and schools are critical to the growth, diversity, vibrancy, and economic vitality of Austin; and

WHEREAS, the City of Austin, Austin Independent School District (Austin ISD) and Travis County are committed to their roles in providing a model place to live, ensuring that their collective policies and practices support and enhance the quality of life for Austin area families and children, and neighborhoods and schools; and

WHEREAS, the Austin ISD Board of Trustees on December 4, 2006 established the Community Committee on Neighborhoods and Schools (CCNS) to consider and make recommendations on the challenges neighborhoods and schools face in Austin ISD; and

WHEREAS, the Austin City Council on June 21, 2007 established the Families and Children Task Force (FAC) to provide recommendations to

improve the lives of families and children in the City of Austin; and

WHEREAS, the CCNS presented its report and recommendations to the AISD Board of Trustees on April 28, 2008, and to the Joint Subcommittees of the Austin Independent School District, the City of Austin, and Travis County (Joint Subcommittees) on March 7, 2008; and

WHEREAS, the Austin ISD Superintendent presented his recommendations regarding the CCNS report to the Board of Trustees on October 6, 2008, and the Austin ISD Board of Trustees directed staff to propose a plan addressing the recommendations of the CCNS and identify any additional resources needed in order to do so.

WHEREAS, the FAC presented its recommendations to the Austin City Council on October 16, 2008, and to the Joint Subcommittees on January 30, 2009; and

FINALLY WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of all residents of the City of Austin, Austin ISD, and Travis County that the City, School District, and County maximize collaboration in and coordination of all major planning efforts, including the City's Comprehensive Plan and the School District's Strategic Plan and Master Facilities Plan;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT JOINTLY RESOLVED BY THE
CITY COUNCIL OF AUSTIN, TEXAS, THE BOARD OF
TRUSTEES OF AUSTIN ISD, AND THE COMMISSIONERS
COURT OF TRAVIS COUNTY:**

That the Joint Subcommittees are hereby authorized and directed by their respective governing bodies to assist in the development of policies and programs that are supportive of families and children, and neighborhoods and schools, including but not limited to, the following recommendations from the CCNS and FAC:

- Develop an assessment tool that enables the City of Austin, Austin ISD and Travis County, as appropriate, to identify, evaluate, and communicate the educational impact of land-use law, policy, and development and redevelopment projects;
- As a standard practice, actively seek and promote opportunities to establish multi-use facilities at new and existing schools in partnership with public/private/non-profit entities, including housing non-profits (e.g., community center; social services screenings and referrals; shared recreational facilities and programs; etc.);

- Develop a housing assistance program to help in the reduction of student mobility rates, including, but not limited to, credit counseling for families and foreclosure assistance;
- Recognize and support feasible expansion of quality extra-curricular initiatives and innovative programs, including after-school and summer programs, through public/private/non-profit partnerships; and
- Continue support for neighborhood-based schools collaborating on city planning initiatives to ensure quality education, equity and the viability of neighborhoods, using a variety of approaches, including, but not limited to, augmenting and geographically dispersing affordable housing,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That the Joint Subcommittees may establish working and advisory groups as they deem necessary or appropriate to assist them in their efforts. The City Manager, the Austin ISD Superintendent, and the County Judge are authorized and encouraged to provide on-going staff support to assist the Joint Subcommittees in coordination and collaboration between and amongst the City, County and District, and to participate fully as expert stakeholders.

FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Joint Subcommittees shall make recommendations regarding policy, budget, and programming to the Austin ISD Board of Trustees, Austin City Council, and Travis County Commissioners Court.

ADOPTED: _____, 2009

Will Wynn
Mayor
City of Austin Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Shirley A. Gentry
City Clerk

ADOPTED: _____, 2009

Mark Williams
President
Austin ISD

ATTEST: _____
Mitzi Boyles
Secretary to the Board

ADOPTED: _____, 2009

Sam Biscoe
Judge
Travis County

ATTEST: _____
County Clerk