

RESOLUTION NO. _____

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

WHEREAS, families with children face unique challenges with Austin's explosive growth, including obtaining quality child care that is accessible and affordable, adequate transportation, and affordable housing; and

WHEREAS, the City of Austin is committed to being the most family-friendly city in the country and will ensure that its policies and decisions support and enhance the quality of life for Austin's families with children; and

WHEREAS, the success of Austin in attracting and retaining families will depend on developing specific criteria to ensure that the interests of families with children are considered in every major planning decision; and

WHEREAS, the City Council believes that the ongoing adoption and implementation of the recommendations from the Families with Children

Task Force is integral to achieving the City's Vision Statement of being the most livable city in the country; and

WHEREAS, the City Council's strategic priorities are the framework for allocating staff resources and for the development of future budgets that support the City Council's initiatives; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

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

The City Council amends one of the four Citywide Strategic Priorities to realize the City's vision statement of being the most livable city in the country by adding "Family-Friendly," as follows:

1. Rich Social and Cultural Community
2. Vibrant Urban Fabric
3. Healthy, Safe, and Family-Friendly City
4. Sustainable Economic Development and Financial Health

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

The City Manager is directed to address and incorporate the perspectives of families with children in all current and future planning initiatives, including the ongoing Comprehensive Plan.

ADOPTED: _____, 2009 **ATTEST:** _____

Shirley A. Gentry
City Clerk