RESOLUTION NO. 20110303-036

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

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

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2009, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 20090312-021, which adopted a joint resolution between Austin Independent School District (AISD), Travis County, and the City to authorize the Joint Subcommittees to develop policies and recommendations that are supportive of families and children based on the City's Families and Children Task Force Report and the recommendations of AISD's Community Committee on Neighborhoods and Schools; and

WHEREAS, on April 23, 2009, the City Council modified the Citywide Strategic Priorities to emphasize the City's commitment to be the most family-friendly city in the country and ensure that its policies and decisions support and enhance the quality of life for the City's families with children; and

WHEREAS, the success of the City 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 Joint Subcommittees have formally endorsed an assessment tool that enables the City, AISD, and Travis County to identify, evaluate, and communicate the educational impact of land-use law, policy, and development and redevelopment projects; and

WHEREAS, the Educational Impact Statement can be used to help guide future planning and policy decisions of the City in regards to land use by assessing a proposal's impact on children and families; **NOW THEREFORE**

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

That the City Council endorses the AISD, Travis County, and City of Austin Joint Subcommittees' recommendation for the adoption of an Educational Impact Statement and directs the City Manager to take the appropriate actions as necessary to make educational impact assessment a formal process for code amendments, policy proposals, and permitting for development and redevelopment projects.

ADOPTED: March 3, 2011 **ATTEST:** Shirley A. Gentry

Shirley A. Gentry
City Clerk