

RESOLUTION NO.

WHEREAS, “youth mentoring” is defined as a sustained relationship between a young person and a caring adult who is screened and trained to provide the young person with support, guidance and assistance; and

WHEREAS, research has shown that youth participating in mentoring relationships experience positive academic returns, such as improved attendance, increased likelihood of high school graduation, increased likelihood of post-secondary education, and a more positive attitude toward school; and

WHEREAS, the City of Austin/Austin Independent School District/Travis County Joint Subcommittee created a Mentoring Task Force in response to the Connecting the Dots Initiative and on January 18, 2013, the Task Force presented its findings and recommendations including the creation of the Austin/Travis County Mentoring Advisory Council through school year 2013-14 and a budget to address those expenses; and

WHEREAS, on June 21, 2013, the Members of the Joint Subcommittee unanimously adopted a motion to seek the approval of a resolution (Exhibit A) by the City, County, and School District to create Austin/Travis County Mentoring Advisory Council and related budget; and

WHEREAS, the Joint Resolution includes a request for the District, City and County to share the cost of funding the Mentoring Advisory Council with

up to \$15,000 from each entity in accordance with the attached budget; **NOW
THEREFORE,**

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

That the City Council approves the creation of the Austin/Travis County Mentoring Advisory Council as described in Exhibit A and the City Manager is directed to identify funding in the amount of \$15,000 to support the efforts and outcomes of the Mentoring Advisory Council.

ADOPTED: _____, 2013 **ATTEST:** _____
Jannette S. Goodall
City Clerk