

RESOLUTION NO. 20140626-151

WHEREAS, Family Resource Centers (“Centers”) provide comprehensive, wraparound support services for at-risk families on Austin Independent School District (“AISD”) campuses; and

WHEREAS, there are critical short-term as well as long-term funding needs to continue the work of the Centers, with some Centers being at risk of imminent closure; and

WHEREAS, on June 20, 2014 the Joint Subcommittees of the Austin City Council, the Austin Independent School District Board of Trustees, and the Travis County Commissioner’s Court (“Joint Subcommittees”) adopted a resolution requesting the support of the three governing bodies for financial and other assistance for Centers within the jurisdictions of the City of Austin, AISD and Travis County.

WHEREAS, the Joint Subcommittees committed to identifying and securing from all available sources the funding that is needed to continue the operations of the eight Centers both for critical short-term funding as well as additional funding to support the long-term needs of the Centers;

WHEREAS, funding is needed to properly staff the Centers so that they may continue to provide the comprehensive services that the community needs.

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

The Council adopts the joint resolution of the Joint Subcommittees set forth in Exhibit A and supports providing financial and other assistance, as

the law permits, to the Centers within the jurisdictions of the City of Austin, AISD and Travis County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

The City Manager is directed to identify funding available for critical short-term needs to continue the work at Centers at risk of imminent closure and to negotiate and execute an interlocal agreement with AISD addressing the Centers' short-term financial needs in an amount not to exceed \$57,000.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

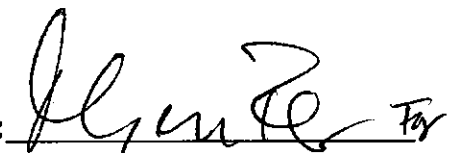
The City Manager is directed to identify available funding to assist the Centers with long-term needs and to prepare a budget amendment for Council consideration no later than August 7, 2014.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

The total amount of funding that the City Manager is to identify for both short-term and long-term funding is not to exceed \$100,000.

ADOPTED: June 26, 2014

ATTEST:



Jannette S. Goodall
City Clerk

EXHIBIT A

**JOINT RESOLUTION
of the
TRAVIS COUNTY,
AUSTIN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT,
and
CITY OF AUSTIN
regarding
FAMILY RESOURCE CENTERS**

WHEREAS, eight school-based Family Resource Centers have been established through a partnership between Austin Voices for Education and Youth, The Austin Project and the Austin Independent School District to provide wraparound support services for at-risk families on AISD campuses; and

WHEREAS, Austin's school-based Family Resource Centers incorporate evidence-based strategies that are part of the national Community Schools model that seek to foster streamlined, easily accessed resources and services that bridge communities to their neighborhood schools and vice versa; and

WHEREAS, the Family Resource Centers, through case management of 500 families and services for over 4,000 families each year have increased family stability at AISD's highest needs campuses; and

WHEREAS, the Family Resource Centers provide services that align and are complementary to health and human services offered by the City and County and other local agencies; and

WHEREAS, Family Resource Centers have proven effective in reducing student mobility, increasing attendance, school climate and improving academic outcomes on high needs campuses, often revitalizing schools threatened with closure or being monitored by the Texas Education Agency; and

WHEREAS, Family Resource Centers have increased the number of community partners supporting campuses and have improved coordination of student and family support services; and

WHEREAS, Family Resource Centers have increased parent involvement through Adult Academy classes and volunteer opportunities; and

WHEREAS, there exists critical short-term funding needs to continue the work of the Family Resource Centers in 2014-15, as well as long-term funding needed to sustain and expand the work of all Family Resource Centers in AISD; and

FINALLY WHEREAS, Family Resource Centers have provided services beyond the schools to the greater community, including disaster relief support and coordination, resource fairs and other community strategies;

EXHIBIT A

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL, THE AISD BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND THE TRAVIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT:

The three governing bodies are supportive of the efforts of the Joint Subcommittees of the Austin City Council, the Austin Independent School District Board of Trustees, the Travis County Commissioners Court and the staff of the three entities to provide financial and other assistance as the law permits to the Family Resource Centers within the jurisdictions of the City of Austin, the Austin Independent School District and Travis County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

The Joint Subcommittees is directed to work with staff from each entity and key stakeholders to explore, identify, and secure from all available sources the funding that is needed to continue the operations of the eight Family Resource Centers referenced above.

ADOPTED: _____, 2014

Vincent M. Torres
President
Austin ISD Board of Trustees

ATTEST: _____
Elaine Hopkins
Secretary to the Board

ADOPTED: _____, 2014

Lee F. Leffingwell
Mayor
City of Austin

ATTEST: _____
Shirley A. Gentry
City Clerk

ADOPTED: _____, 2014

Samuel T. Biscoe
Judge
Travis County

ATTEST: _____
County Clerk