



## EARLY CHILDHOOD COUNCIL RECOMMENDATION 2014-0910- 7A

Date: September 10, 2014

Subject: Healthy Texas Babies

Motioned By: Aletha Huston

Seconded By: Larry Elsner

### **Recommendation**

*The Early Childhood Council supports the Healthy Texas Babies coalition grant and recommends that the Austin City Council also support this initiative by writing a letter of support for the grant.*

### **Description of Recommendation to Council**

- *Write a letter of support for the Austin Area Healthy Texas Babies Coalition to be included in the coalition's grant proposal. The letter should be addressed to Dr. Rosamaria Murillo, Assistant Director, Austin/Travis County Health and Human Services Department, Maternal, Child and Adolescent Division.*
- *The mission of the grant is for the awardee to work strategically and collaboratively to reduce birth outcomes disparities in Austin and surrounding area.*
- *The goal of the coalition is to reduce the incidence of pre-term birth, maternal and infant mortality, and disparities in poor birth outcomes.*

### **Rationale:**

*The grant proposal requires letters of support from different entities/agencies. Therefore, a letter of support from the Austin City Council would be included as part of the grantee's on-going effort of obtaining letters from different organizations and entities in support of this work.*

### **Vote**

For: Kyle Holder, Laura Koenig, Larry Elsner, Rhonda Paver, Aletha Huston, Anurita Mitra, Dustin Breithaupt, Avis Wallace

Against: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Albert Black, Debra Keith-Thompson, Jacquie Porter, Brook Son, Cindy Rodriguez

Attest: Cynthia D. Gamez, Early Childhood Coordinator, HHSD