

Resolution Regarding City Funding for Continuity of Child Care. May 10, 2017

WHEREAS, The Early Childhood Council of the City of Austin is charged with making recommendations to the City Council that support optimal development of young children and their families, continued development of a system of high-quality early care and education, and cooperative arrangements to support quality early care and education; and

WHEREAS, Today's children are the workforce of the future for the City of Austin; and

WHEREAS, There is strong evidence that children who attend high quality child care programs are more likely to be ready for kindergarten than those who do not attend; and

WHEREAS, There is strong evidence that the preschool years are critically important for success in school, likelihood of graduating from high school, and being a productive citizen; and

WHEREAS, Economists and other experts agree that the return on investment in education is greatest for programs offered in the first five years of life; and

WHEREAS, The City of Austin and Travis County are providing funds for child care subsidies to parents who are in job transitions to assure continuous high-quality care for their children;

WHEREAS; There is strong evidence that child care subsidies enable parents to get and maintain employment;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Early Childhood Council recommends that the Austin City Council continue funding for continuity of child care at or above the amounts currently invested.