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COMMUNITY CALL FOR ACTION TO TERMINATE

SOUTHWEST KEY FUNDING FROM THE CITY OF AUSTIN AND TRAVIS COUNTY

WHEREAS, THE LEAGUE OF UNITED LATIN AMERICAN CITIZENS (LULAC) DISTRICT VII BELIEVES THAT ALL FAMILIES SHOULD BE TOGETHER, THAT CHILDREN SHOULD NOT BE IMPRISONED, AND THAT BABIES SHOULD NOT BE SEPARATED FROM THEIR PARENTS; and

WHEREAS, LULAC BELIEVES THAT CHILDREN OF ALL AGES ARE BEING TRAUMATIZED BY BEHAVIORAL, EMOTIONAL, AND PSYCHOLOGICAL EXPERIENCES THAT ARE NEGATIVELY IMPACTING THEIR PHYSICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH; and

WHEREAS, PRIVATIZED "PRISONS, DETENTION CENTERS, AND SHELTERS" ARE EARNING BILLIONS OF DOLLARS BY ENABLING THIS WHITE HOUSE ADMINISTRATION TO IMPLEMENT "ZERO TOLERANCE" THEREBY CREATING DAMAGED "GOVERNMENT ORPHANS" WHOSE PARENTS HAVE BEEN DEPORTED; and

WHEREAS, SOUTHWEST KEY IS LOCATED IN EAST AUSTIN AND OPERATES THE MOST FACILITIES TO HOUSE ONLY CHILDREN AND BABIES, AGES 0 TO 17, FURTHER CONTRIBUTING TO THE SEPARATION OF PARENTS FROM THEIR CHILDREN, AND ALSO SEPARATES THE GIRLS FROM THE BOYS, REGARDLESS OF THEIR FAMILIAL TIES AND INCREASING THE TOXIC STRESS/TRAUMA AS DOCUMENTED BY COUNTLESS PSYCHOLOGISTS, PSYCHIATRISTS AND EXPERTS; and

WHEREAS, SOUTHWEST KEY AND OTHER CORPORATIONS HAVE RECEIVED MILLIONS AND BILLIONS FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, AND SOUTHWEST KEY IS A CONTRACTOR/VENDOR WITH THE CITY OF AUSTIN FUNDED WITH OUR TAX DOLLARS UNDER SEVERAL LOCAL CONTRACTS; and

WHEREAS, THERE HAS BEEN A GREAT INCREASE IN THE NEEDS OF OUR LOCAL RESIDENTS LIVING IN POVERTY, UNABLE TO OVERCOME BARRIERS TO RESOURCES AND STRUGGLING TO SURVIVE IN THIS ECONOMY; and

WHEREAS, LOCAL TAX DOLLAR GIVEN TO SOUTHWEST KEY ARE LOCAL TAX DOLLAR NOT SPENT ON ADDRESSING THE GREAT NEEDS OF OUR COMMUNITY; and

WHEREAS, THE PROFITS FROM POLICIES SEPARATING CHILDREN AND BABIES FROM PARENTS BY SOUTHWEST KEY, PLUS OUR CITY OF AUSTIN TAX DOLLARS, HAVE PROVIDED THEM WITH THE OPPORTUNITIES TO OPEN PRIVATIZED CHARTER SCHOOLS AND BUSINESSES; and

WHEREAS THE CITY OF AUSTIN IS A WELCOMING CITY THAT HAS PROVEN ITS SUPPORTS FOR FAMILY UNIFICATION AND SUPPORTS FOR THOSE SEEKING ASYLUM AND REFUGE FROM VIOLENCE AND DEATH UNDER SEVERAL PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED RESOLUTIONS, INCLUDING BEING HOME TO THE LARGEST REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT SITE IN CENTRAL TEXAS;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, LULAC DEMANDS THAT IMMIGRANT AND REFUGEE FAMILIES DETAINED AT OUR BORDERS BE UNIFIED IMMEDIATELY, BE RELEASED UNTIL THEIR

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IMMIGRATION HEARING IS SCHEDULED, AND THAT THERE BE TRANSPARENT PUBLIC REPORTING OF PROGRESS IN THIS EFFORT;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT LULAC DEMANDS THAT ALL LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL BODIES: INCLUDING CITIES, COUNTIES AND ANY OTHER TAXING JURISDICTIONS, IMMEDIATELY END ALL LOCAL PUBLIC FUNDING TO ANY FOR-PROFIT AND NOT-FOR-PROFIT (IE: SOUTHWEST KEY, CCA, GEO, and OTHERS)! THERE IS NO JUSTIFICATION TO SUPPORT PRIVATIZED PRISONS THAT SEPARATES OUR FAMILIES, TAKING BABIES FROM THEIR MOTHERS, IMPRISONS CHILDREN; and CONTINUES TO ENABLE AN INHUMANE, UNJUST, IMMORAL AND UNETHICAL ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY THAT PUTS THE UNITED STATES IN A POSITION OF COMMITTING CRIMES AGAINST HUMANITY; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE CITY OF AUSTIN, TRAVIS COUNTY, AND OTHER FUNDERS OF SOUTHWEST KEY APPROVE THIS RESOLUTION AND ADOPT LANGUAGE AND POLICIES THAT WILL FOREVER PROHIBIT THE SUPPORT OF ANY CORPORATION, PUBLIC OR PRIVATE, THAT IMPRISONS CHILDREN, SEPARATES FAMILIES, AND TAKES BABIES FROM THEIR MOTHERS ARMS; and

LASTLY, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THIS RESOLUTION WILL BE ALIGNED TO EXISTING CITY OF AUSTIN RESOLUTIONS AND COMPLEMENTARY TO ITEM # 124 OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN JUNE 28, 2018 COUNCIL AGENDA.