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Council Action and Executive Summary

Item # 8 Ordinance/Resolution# 11-224

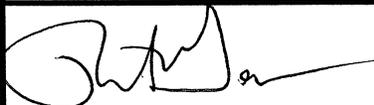
For Meeting of _____
 (Ordinance First Reading Date)

For Meeting of May 16, 2011
 (Adoption Date)

TITLE: A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT A COMMUNITY UNITY COALITION TO ELIMINATE BULLYING THROUGHOUT THE LAS CRUCES PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT AND IN EACH COMMUNITY AND NEIGHBORHOOD WHERE CHILDREN MAY BE SUBJECT TO RIDICULE AND HARASSMENT.

PURPOSE(S) OF ACTION:

To support and endorse the formation of an anti-bullying Community Unity Coalition.

COUNCIL DISTRICT: ALL		
<u>Drafter/Staff Contact:</u> Lt. Rob Scott	<u>Department/Section:</u> Police	<u>Phone:</u> 528-4130
<u>City Manager Signature:</u>		

BACKGROUND / KEY ISSUES / CONTRIBUTING FACTORS:

According to the US Department of Justice Office of Community Oriented Policing Services, bullying is perhaps the most underreported safety problem on American school campuses. Contrary to popular belief, bullying occurs more often at school than on the way to and from there. Once thought of as simply a rite of passage or relatively harmless behavior that helps build young people's character, bullying is now known to have long-lasting harmful effects, for both the victim and the bully.

At a recent public forum facilitated by District 4 Doña Ana County Commissioner Scott Krahlmg, a loose-knit group of community leaders announced their desire to form the "Community Unity Coalition" for the purpose of combating bullying and fostering character-based behavior throughout the community. The City of Las Cruces is invited to endorse and support this coalition and its anti-bullying efforts.

SUPPORT INFORMATION:

1. Resolution

(Continue on additional sheets as required)

SOURCE OF FUNDING:

Is this action already budgeted? N/A		
	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> See fund summary below
	No	<input type="checkbox"/> If No, then check one below:
	<i>Budget Adjustment Attached</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Expense reallocated from: _____
		<input type="checkbox"/> Proposed funding is from a new revenue source (i.e. grant; see details below)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Proposed funding is from fund balance in the _____ Fund.	
Does this action create any revenue? N/A		
	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> Funds will be deposited into this fund: _____ in the amount of \$ _____ for FY _____.
	No	<input type="checkbox"/> There is no new revenue generated by this action.

BUDGET NARRATIVE

N/A

FUND EXPENDITURE SUMMARY:

Fund Name(s)	Account Number(s)	Expenditure Proposed	Available Budgeted Funds in Current FY	Remaining Funds	Purpose for Remaining Funds
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

OPTIONS / ALTERNATIVES:

1. Vote "Yes"; this will approve the Resolution as drafted.
2. Vote "No"; this will not approve the Resolution as drafted.
3. Vote to "Amend"; this could mean modifications are needed in order for the Resolution to carry.
4. Vote to "Table"; this could delay the Resolution.

REFERENCE INFORMATION:

N/A

RESOLUTION NO. 11-224**A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT A COMMUNITY UNITY COALITION TO ELIMINATE BULLYING THROUGHOUT THE LAS CRUCES PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT AND IN EACH COMMUNITY AND NEIGHBORHOOD WHERE CHILDREN MAY BE SUBJECT TO RIDICULE AND HARASSMENT.**

The City Council is informed that:

WHEREAS, the governing body of the City of Las Cruces, New Mexico, a municipal corporation, is tasked to represent and address the needs of its residents; and

WHEREAS, bullying continues to be a concern within schools, on playgrounds, at bus stops and even on the internet and personal communication devices, thereby placing children at risk in our communities; and

WHEREAS, combating bullying at its source requires involvement by community leaders committed to bringing a positive message of cooperation, community, tolerance, diversity and steadfast civility to every home, school, dinner table, classroom, parent, relative and bystander who has an opportunity to become an ambassador for character-based behavior that values all individuals; and

WHEREAS, in the wake of youth suicides related to bullying across the United States of America, an informal local coalition has formed to look at this serious social issue and identify programs and partnerships that will facilitate meaningful social change for the residents of and visitors to the City of Las Cruces; and

WHEREAS, after a public forum and follow-up meeting facilitated by District 4 Doña Ana County Commissioner Scott Krahling, this loose-knit coalition of community leaders wishes to come together in a recognized and endorsed fashion to begin the work that will bring change to our communities; and

WHEREAS, the Las Cruces City Council shares the philosophy and operational goals of the group that is seeking official endorsement, thereby putting its stamp of approval on this important work, and putting the full weight of the City of Las Cruces behind a bold new initiative for positive growth of character-based behavior throughout our many diverse communities, school districts and private-sector partners.

NOW, THEREFORE, Be it resolved by the governing body of the City of Las Cruces:

(I)

THAT the City Council hereby supports and endorses the formation of the Community Unity Coalition, whose membership and mission shall be brought back before the City Council along with a presentation on its goals and timelines. The City Council also encourages similar resolutions and commitments to be adopted and passed by every governmental entity and school district within Doña Ana County, and for the concept to be embraced and enjoyed by the private sector and all organizations dedicated to good works and community-building.

(II)

THAT City staff is hereby authorized to do all deeds necessary in the accomplishment of the herein above.

DONE AND APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2011.

APPROVED:

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

(SEAL)

Moved by: _____

Seconded by: _____

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



City Attorney

VOTE:

Mayor Miyagishima: _____
Councillor Silva: _____
Councillor Connor: _____
Councillor Pedroza: _____
Councillor Small: _____
Councillor Sorg: _____
Councillor Thomas: _____