

RESOLUTION NO. _____-2021

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE SUPPORT OF THE URBAN COUNTY COUNCIL FOR THE COMMUNITY ACTION COUNCIL'S PROPOSAL TO ACQUIRE LAND AND CONSTRUCT A FACILITY FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AND FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES FOR THREE-YEAR-OLD CHILDREN IN THE WILLIAM WELLS BROWN SCHOOL DISTRICT; AND AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OR HER DESIGNEE TO SUBMIT A FY 2022 APPROPRIATIONS COMMUNITY PROJECT FUNDING INTEREST FORM AND ANY SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION RELATED TO THIS PROJECT TO THE OFFICE OF UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE ANDY BARR.

WHEREAS, Mayor Linda Gorton has made racial justice and equality a focus of her tenure;

WHEREAS, Mayor Linda Gorton founded the Commission on Racial Justice & Equity to develop recommendations from members of the community to address racial inequality in Lexington;

WHEREAS, one of the Commission's top recommendations was to expand early childhood education for children in schools with very low student performance;

WHEREAS, William Wells Brown has a student body that is predominantly African-American and the school has been designated as a Comprehensive Support and Improvement school in Lexington due to very low student performance;

WHEREAS, the Community Action Council ("CAC") desires to acquire land and build a facility to offer early childhood education and family support services for three-year-old children in the William Wells Brown district who are not otherwise eligible for preschool;

WHEREAS, the CAC's proposed project would also help fulfill the recommendation of the Mayor's Commission on Racial Justice & Equity;

WHEREAS, the Mayor desires to propose the acquisition and construction of this facility for funding through the FY 2022 federal appropriations process;

WHEREAS, the FY 2022 Appropriations Community Project Funding Interest Form encourages resolutions from local governments showing support for projects proposed for funding.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE LEXINGTON-FAYETTE URBAN COUNTY GOVERNMENT:

Section 1 - That the above recitals are incorporated herein as if fully stated.

Section 2 – That the Council of the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government hereby expresses its support for acquisition and construction of a facility to provide early childhood education and family support services for three-year-old children in the William Wells Brown school district, and further supports the submission of this project to the Office of United States Representative Andy Barr for funding.

Section 3 – That the Mayor, or her designee, be and hereby is authorized and directed to submit a FY 2022 Appropriations Community Funding Project Interest Form, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, and any supporting documentation related to the project to the Office of United States Representative Andy Barr.

Section 4 – That this Resolution shall become effective on the date of its passage.

PASSED URBAN COUNTY COUNCIL:

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CLERK OF URBAN COUNTY COUNCIL

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