

ORDINANCE

APPROVING THE PRE-K 4 SA FY 2024 BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2023 AND ENDING ON JUNE 30, 2024 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$59,100,241.00, AND PERSONNEL COMPLEMENT AS ADOPTED BY THE SAN ANTONIO EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION MUNICIPAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS ON MAY 9, 2023.

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WHEREAS, in August 2012, City Council authorized the creation of the San Antonio Early Childhood Education Municipal Development Corporation for the purposes of increasing literacy through high quality early childhood education in accordance with Chapter 379A of the Texas Local Government Code, known as the Better Jobs Act; and

WHEREAS, in November 2012, San Antonio voters approved a 1/8th of a cent sales tax for the benefit of the Corporation to fund the Pre-K 4 SA Initiative for an initial eight-year period; and

WHEREAS, in November 2020, voters approved a reauthorization of the 1/8th of a cent sales tax for an additional eight-year period, funding the program through 2029; and

WHEREAS, Pre-K 4 SA is governed by an eleven-member Board of Directors serving two-year staggered terms and appointed by City Council; and

WHEREAS, Pre-K 4 SA is a comprehensive initiative with four components designed to improve the quality of early childhood education throughout San Antonio: 1) four model Education Centers serving 2,000 children annually; 2) family outreach and engagement; 3) free, best-in-class professional development for early childhood educators; and 4) competitive grants providing support of Pre-K 4 SA programming in public, private, charter, and parochial schools and child development centers; and

WHEREAS, Pre-K 4 SA distributes grants to increase the quality of programs providing early learning and care; and

WHEREAS, funds allow education partners to implement Pre-K 4 SA's proven practices in their own programs, to include low student-teacher ratios, increased teacher credentials, and high-quality curriculum and assessments; and

WHEREAS, as part of the grants program, Pre-K 4 SA operates the Gardendale Early Learning Program in partnership with Edgewood ISD; and

WHEREAS, through this partnership, Pre-K 4 SA and Edgewood ISD are building a model program to serve children in prekindergarten through second grade; and

WHEREAS, the program is expected to enroll 300 children for the 2023-24 school year and serve as a replicable demonstration site; and

WHEREAS, through the various components of the program, Pre-K 4 SA reaches approximately 58,000 students annually, which includes children served at the four Education Centers and through competitive grants and professional learning opportunities for educators; and

WHEREAS, independent evaluations demonstrate that San Antonio's investment in high quality early learning has had a positive effect in children even beyond their enrollment in Pre-K 4 SA; and

WHEREAS, the program closes the gap in kinder readiness and has lasting effects including better attendance, decreased need for special education services, and better 3rd grade math and reading scores; and

WHEREAS, a recent cost-benefit study by researchers from Westat, University of Pennsylvania, and Teacher's College at Columbia University calculated that after subtracting the costs of the program, Pre-K 4 SA will have returned over \$59 million in benefits to the San Antonio community in its first eight years; and

WHEREAS, during the April 19 "B" Session, City Council was provided with a programmatic update and informational briefing on the Pre-K 4 SA FY 2024 Annual Budget; and

WHEREAS, the Pre-K 4 SA FY 2024 Annual Budget was adopted by the San Antonio Municipal Development Corporation Board of Directors on May 9, 2023; **NOW THEREFORE:**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:

SECTION 1. The City Council for the City of San Antonio hereby approves the Pre-K 4 SA FY 2024 annual operating budget in the amount of \$59,100,241.00, as adopted by the San Antonio Early Childhood Education Municipal Development Corporation Board of Directors on May 9, 2023, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023 and ending on June 30, 2024. A copy of the proposed budget is attached hereto and incorporated herein for all purposes as **Attachment I**.

SECTION 2. The personnel complement set out within **Attachment II** is hereby authorized and approved.

SECTION 3. City staff is hereby authorized to take those necessary actions to implement the budget attached hereto and approved by City Council.

SECTION 4. The City's Office of Management and Budget Director is authorized to make budget adjustments to the Pre-K 4 SA FY 2023 budget necessary to reflect internal services and indirect cost assessments originally authorized in the City's FY 2023 adopted budget.

SECTION 5. The financial allocations in this Ordinance are subject to approval by the Deputy Chief Financial Officer, City of San Antonio. The Deputy Chief Financial Officer may, subject to concurrence by the City Manager or the City Manager's designee, correct allocations to specific Cost

Centers, WBS Elements, Internal Orders, General Ledger Accounts, and Fund Numbers as necessary to carry out the purpose of this Ordinance.

SECTION 7. This ordinance is effective immediately upon the receipt of eight affirmative votes; otherwise, it is effective ten days after passage.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 18th day of May, 2023.

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Ron Nirenberg

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Debbie Racca-Sittre, City Clerk

Andrew Segovia, City Attorney

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