Resolution No. ________

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF CUDAHY, CALIFORNIA, SUPPORTING THE EXPANSION OF EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION AND CHILD FRIENDLY ACTIVE SPACE AND TO WORK WITH THE SOUTHEAST CITIES ECE TASK FORCE AND COLLABORATIVE TO ASSURE THESE GOALS ARE ACCOMPLISHED

WHEREAS, quality early care and education promotes the successful academic, emotional and physical development of a children birth to five; and

WHEREAS, children who participate in high-quality early care and education programs are better prepared for school, more likely to graduate from high school, less likely to get involved in crime, and more likely to contribute to the economy; and

WHEREAS, child friendly active outdoor space that offers opportunities for physical activity is critical to promoting healthy pregnancies, healthy childhood weight, and early learning; and

WHEREAS, a report released by the Los Angeles Department of Public Health states that as many as 49% of Cudahy children suffer from childhood obesity; and

WHEREAS, Cudahy has a short fall of early care and education spaces and child friendly active outdoor space; and

WHEREAS, Cudahy understands the benefits of early care and education programs for young children;

WHEREAS, Cudahy would like to work with community partners to address family needs for both child care and child friendly active outdoor space; and

WHEREAS, Cudahy recognizes an opportunity to have a profound and sustainable impact on families’ access to child care and child friendly active outdoor space is through family friendly language in cities’ general plans and zoning codes; and

WHEREAS, Cudahy understands that planning today assures that Cudahy future generations will have access to high-quality early care and education programs and the child friendly active outdoor space necessary to maximize the health of families and young children; and

WHEREAS, the Southeast Cities Early Care and Education Task Force and Collaborative is a collaboration of early care and education providers, nonprofits, public and private agencies and cities dedicated to expanding access to high-quality early care and education for children in the Southeast cities of Cudahy, Bell, Bell Gardens, Huntington Park, Maywood and South Gate.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF CUDAHY DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

1. The City of Cudahy hereby pledges to support the Southeast Cities Early Care and Education Task Force and Collaborative and their efforts to expand the availability and access to quality early care and education in our city. The Task Force and Collaborative includes members from the South Gate East Los Angeles College campus, Human Services Association, Mexican American Opportunity Foundation, Public Counsel, Los Angeles Universal Preschool, and other community members dedicated to improving early care and education in the Southeast.

2. The City Council will appoint ______ (city planner) and/or ______ (city manager) to work with members of the Southeast Cities Early Care and Education Task Force and Collaborative to collaboratively gather
preliminary information from city staff regarding land use policies and barriers pertinent to the development of early care and education facilities or child friendly active outdoor space.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this _____ day of _________-, ______.

CITY OF CUDAHY

[Name of Mayor: __________________]

ATTEST: __________________________
[Name of City Clerk: __________________________]