

## COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR RESOLUTION NO. 110302

Recognizing the efforts of the Homelessness Task Force in creating the Greater Kansas City Housing Sustainability Plan (“Plan”), which attempts to identify issues related to homelessness; and sanctioning the transition of the Homelessness Task Force from a City of Kansas City, Missouri entity to the Mid-America Regional Council (“MARC”) to provide planning and coordination support as it transitions from completion of the Plan.

WHEREAS, the City Council recognizes that homelessness is a pervasive concern within the City, as well as in the metropolitan area; and

WHEREAS, on September 17, 2009, Council adopted Resolution No. 090558 which supported the conference entitled “From This Day Forward: Ending Homelessness in Kansas City”, held on June 26, 2009, to address the issue of homelessness and to educate private and public participants, as well as community members, to work together toward a solution; and

WHEREAS, the Homelessness Task Force (“Task Force”) was established by Resolution No. 090788, with the first meeting of the body held in January 2010; and

WHEREAS, the Task Force established seven subcommittees along with the Executive Committee to study homelessness, namely: Prevention; Advocacy and Community Relations; Housing; Services; Law Enforcement and Judicial; Finance; and Development and Membership; and

WHEREAS, the Task Force membership grew to 60 members representing various interests including homelessness services providers, business, non-profit organizations, advocacy groups, law enforcement and several municipalities; and

WHEREAS, from January 2010 until April 2011, the Task Force has met monthly to research and assess current resources and programs and to develop plans to strengthen the region’s capacity to prevent and address the problem of homelessness; and

WHEREAS, the Task Force presented the Plan in substantial form to the Public Safety and Neighborhoods Committee on January 12, 2011, which outlined strategies that set out new approaches to issues and identified existing resources and systems; and

WHEREAS, the Task Force will complete the Plan by June 2011; and

WHEREAS, upon completion of the Plan, the City Council will review the recommendations and may implement those strategies which make the greatest impact using existing resources and align most closely with the *Opening Doors: Federal Strategic Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness*; and

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WHEREAS, on March 25, 2011, the Task Force voted to approve a transition of the Task Force from the City to MARC, due to the benefit of continuing its work with a more regional approach; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF KANSAS CITY:

Section 1. That the Council hereby recognizes the efforts of the Homelessness Task Force in creating the Greater Kansas City Housing Sustainability Plan ("Plan"), which attempts to identify issues related to homelessness, including studying both immediate and long term strategies, funding options and suggestions as to how the Council may best partner with governmental entities, private businesses and the community in furtherance of the Plan.

Section 2. That the Council acknowledges receipt of the Plan in substantial form and believes the Task Force would benefit from continuing its work with a more regional approach.

Section 3. That the Council hereby approves a transition of the Task Force from a City of Kansas City, Missouri entity to the Mid-America Regional Council.

Section 4. That the City Manager or his or her designee be involved with MARC in furtherance of the Plan.

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