

## RESOLUTION

**WHEREAS**, the Top 10% Admissions Plan allows students access to Texas universities improving race/ethnicity and economic status admissions across the entire state of Texas;

**WHEREAS**, the Top 10% Admissions Plan encourages enrollment at top-tier institutions in the state, including the flagship of the University of Texas system, the University of Texas – Austin (“UT-Austin”);

**WHEREAS**, research has shown across SAT/ACT scores, Top 10% students have better college GPAs, which suggests high school GPA or rank is a better predictor of college success than standardized tests;

**WHEREAS**, UT-Austin reports that due to increased enrollment of Top 10% students, the university was able to lower the number of offered remedial courses and increase its honors courses; and

**WHEREAS**, research shows that since the Top 10% Plan was implemented enrollment at UT-Austin and Texas A&M has become more diverse across race/ethnicity and across regions, particularly increasing student representation from both rural and urban high schools in Texas that rarely sent students to these universities;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO:**

THAT the City Council of the City of El Paso, Texas supports the Top 10% Admissions Plan and encourages the Texas Legislature to continue the plan as it currently is implemented.

**APPROVED** this \_\_\_\_ day of April, 2009.

**THE CITY OF EL PASO**

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John F. Cook  
Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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Richarda Duffy Momsen  
City Clerk

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

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