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3	A RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THAT THE SUPERINTENDENT OF THE		
4	LITTLE ROCK SCHOOL DISTRICT AND THE ARKANSAS		
5	COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION PERFORM A COMMUNITY		
6	IMPACT STUDY REGARDING SCHOOL CLOSURES; AND FOR OTHER		
7	PURPOSES.		
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9	WHEREAS, the City of Little Rock, Arkansas ("the City"), is only as strong as all of its collective		
10	neighborhoods; and,		
11	WHEREAS, the City aspires for every neighborhood to be one characterized by a high quality of life		
12	and,		
13	WHEREAS, the City recognizes our most fragile neighborhoods have been historically marginalized		
14	and,		
15	WHEREAS, the City supports residents and partnerships working together to restore and/or build		
16	vibrant quality of life in marginalized neighborhoods and believes that strong neighborhoods are anchored		
17	by strong institutions, such as houses of worship, healthcare facilities, recreational outlets and neighborhood		
18	schools supported by the residents; and,		
19	WHEREAS, the City Board of Directors ("Board of Directors"), is aware of the recommendation b		
20	the Little Rock School District's superintendent to close neighborhood schools Franklin Elementary, Wilson		
21	Elementary and Woodruff Elementary and Hamilton Academy; and,		
22	WHEREAS, the Board of Directors shares the concerns of the families, other residents, other		
23	stakeholders, and other supporters about the effects closures would have on the viability of the		
24	neighborhoods; and,		
25	WHEREAS, the Board of Directors joins the families, other residents, other stakeholders and other		
26	supporters in their belief that a community impact study is merited in order to inform decision-makin		
27	affecting our regarding our schools, neighborhoods and our city; and,		
28	NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CITY		
29	OF LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS:		
30	<b>Section 1.</b> The Mayor and Members of the Board of Directors respectfully request that Superintendent		
31	Michael Poore and Commissioner Johnny Key carry out a Community Impact Statement(s) to assess the		
32	effect of proposed school closures		

1	<b>Section 2.</b> The Mayor and City Clerk are directed to send copies of this resolution to Superintenden		
2	Michael Poore, Commissioner Johnny Key, members of the State Board of Education and members of the		
3	state legislative delegation representing the Little Rock School District.		
4	Section 3. Severability. In the event any title, section, paragraph, item, sentence, clause, phrase, or		
5	word of this resolution is declared or adjudged to be invalid or unconstitutional, such declaration or		
6	adjudication shall not affect the remaining portions of the resolution which shall remain in full force and		
7	effect as if the portion so declared or adjudged invalid or unconstitutional were not originally a part of the		
8	resolution.		
9	Section 4. Repealer. All laws, ordinances, resolutions, or parts of the same, that are inconsistent		
10	with the provisions of this resolution, are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.		
11	ADOPTED: March 21, 2017		
12	ATTEST:	APPROVED:	
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15	Susan Langley, City Clerk	Mark Stodola, Mayor	
16 17	APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:	SPONSOR:	
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19	Thomas M. Carpenter, City Attorney	Kathy Webb, Ward 3	
20	SPONSOR:	SPONSOR:	
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23	Capi Peck, Ward 4	Ken Richardson, Ward 2	
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