



CITY OF SOUTH TUCSON RESOLUTION NO: 12-02

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH TUCSON, ARIZONA, ADOPTING A HEALTHY CITY POLICY

WHEREAS obesity is the most serious public health threat facing Americans, with more than half of adults overweight or obese and therefore at higher risk for diabetes, heart disease, cancer, arthritis, stroke and hypertension; and

WHEREAS the current generation of children are expected to have shorter lives than their parents due to the consequences of obesity; and

WHEREAS public health experts worldwide have recognized the need for cities to embrace policies to promote healthier lifestyles, including healthy diet and regular exercise; and

WHEREAS the City has demonstrated a commitment to safe walking and bicycling by installing signalized pedestrian crosswalks and new residential street lighting; by repaving residential streets throughout the City; and by planning and hosting events such as Cyclovia 2011 to encourage walking and bicycling; and

WHEREAS the City is actively planning for new transportation alternatives and recreational facilities such as the El Paso & Southwestern Greenway and the 8th Avenue Bike Boulevard; and

WHEREAS the City, with substantial support from Pima County and our traditional nonprofit partners, is encouraging development of community gardens at several locations throughout the City as well as a nutrition education program and a planned public farmers market; and

WHEREAS the City is currently updating its General Plan which will address the health and well being of the community to the year 2025 through health related goals and policies that influence the built environment;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of South Tucson will promote a healthy environment for residents and employees by increasing the availability of healthy food including fresh fruits and vegetables through our community gardens; and that the City will expand pedestrian, bicycle and transit access throughout the City through the use of new public improvement projects and public private partnerships; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Mayor and Council hereby direct City staff to examine opportunities to encourage local food production and more active living through changes to the City's municipal code; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Mayor and Council hereby recognize that obesity hits hardest in low income and minority communities and that significant societal and environmental change are needed to support individual efforts to make healthier choices. To that end the City of South Tucson adopts this healthy eating and active living resolution.

Passed and adopted by the Mayor and Council of the City of South Tucson, Arizona this 30th day of January, 2012.

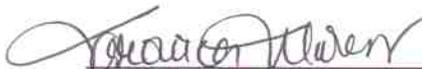
APPROVED/EXECUTED



MAYOR, JENNIFER ECKSTROM

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



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