RESOLUTION No. 37084

Declare support for the New City Initiative, an interfaith initiative to address and reduce families experiencing homelessness (Resolution)

WHEREAS, homelessness is a tragedy that affects a growing number of families with children in our city, and ending family homelessness should be an urgent priority for people of goodwill everywhere; and

WHEREAS, the faith community is an essential partner with local government in providing shelter, food, clothing, and other critical forms of support to families that experience homelessness; and

WHEREAS, the New City Initiative, a Portland-based nonprofit corporation, has provided faith communities with an innovative opportunity to help families that have experienced homelessness make a successful transition into permanent housing through its Village Support Network project, and this model has demonstrated success in helping these families acquire lasting stability.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, The Mayor and Commissioner Saltzman applaud the efforts of the faith community to assist homeless families, and wish to encourage increased participation from congregations and their members to assist families experiencing homelessness as they transition toward stability and self-sufficiency; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, to this end, the Mayor and Commissioner Saltzman support New City Initiative's Interfaith Initiative on Family Homelessness to engage congregations in ending the cycle of family homelessness through its Village Support Network program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the goal of this Initiative shall be to enlist 50 congregations, each of which shall provide a support team for a homeless family through the Village Support Network in 2015; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the New City Initiative will assemble a steering committee for the Initiative composed of faith leaders from throughout Portland, including representatives appointed by the Mayor's office and Commissioner Saltzman's Office; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED The Mayor and Commissioner Saltzman request that New City Initiative provide updates to the City Council on the Initiative and a final report on the outcomes of the Initiative no later than March 31, 2016.

Adopted by the Council: JUN 25 2014

Mayor Charlie Hales Commissioner Dan Saltzman Prepared by: Diana Nuñez Date Prepared: June 19, 2014 LaVonne Griffin-Valade Auditor of the City of Portland By_______

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AGENDA <u>TIME CERTAIN</u> X Start time: <u>10:15 AM</u> Total amount of time needed: 20 Minutes (for presentation, testimony and discussion) CONSENT

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FOUR-FIFTHS AGENDA	COMMISSIONERS VOTED AS FOLLOWS:		
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1. Fritz	1. Fritz	\checkmark	5
2. Fish	2. Fish	\checkmark	
3. Saltzman	3. Saltzman	\checkmark	
4. Novick	4. Novick	\checkmark	
Hales	Hales	\checkmark	Ŧ