INITIATIVE ORDINANCE NO. 10-10

(Measure R - Approved by the Voters on November 2, 2010)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF IRVINE REGARDING CONTINUED PROVISION OF FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO EDUCATIONAL AND ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS IN IRVINE'S PUBLIC SCHOOLS, GRADES K-12

The people of the City of Irvine do ordain as follows:

Section 1. Title. This Ordinance shall be known and referred to as the Irvine School Support Initiative.

Section 2. Purpose. The City of Irvine shall continue financial support to Irvine schools through the Irvine Educational Partnership Fund and the Challenge Match Grant programs, as further described below, on the same general terms and conditions and at same general levels as approved in Fiscal Year 2010-2011, for three additional fiscal years commencing with Fiscal Year 2011-2012.

Section 3. Recitals. It is found and declared that:

A. Irvine public schools have consistently ranked among the finest in the nation based on their outstanding educational environment and commitment to success.

B. The City of Irvine has demonstrated its ongoing commitment to education and to young people, reflecting the values of the Irvine community.

C. Public education in California received $17 billion less in state funding than anticipated over the last two budget years.

D. The State of California faces a continuing state budget crisis that will adversely affect public schools and students in Irvine for the foreseeable future.

E. Class sizes in Irvine public schools have increased since 2007-2008 due to state funding restrictions.

F. The Irvine Unified School District was required to make budget reductions in the amount of $38 million over the past two years and Tustin Unified School District has similarly made deep cuts to its annual operating budget and corresponding programs.

G. The Irvine and Tustin Unified School Districts have each implemented 8 and 7 furlough days, respectively, for Fiscal Year 2010-2011, reducing classroom instructional days for students and work days for employees.
H. The Irvine City Council has allocated nearly $3 million through the Irvine Educational Partnership Fund since its inception in Fiscal Year 2006-2007 to assist Irvine public schools in helping offset state budget reductions.

I. The Irvine City Council has allocated $2 million in Challenge Match Grant funds over the past three years to the Irvine and Tustin Unified School Districts to assist in academic class-size support.

J. The Irvine City Council currently allocates approximately $4 million annually to support School Resource Officers, DARE programs, crossing guards, disaster preparedness and other programs and services supporting Irvine schools through the City's annual operations budget.

K. In recognition of the funding constraints and challenges confronting Irvine schools, the past, current and continued City support for public education serves an important public purpose benefitting the residents of the City of Irvine.

Section 4. Irvine Educational Partnership Fund. The City of Irvine shall allocate $500,000 annually, from Fiscal Year 2011-2012 through Fiscal Year 2013-2014, to the Irvine Educational Partnership Fund to support Irvine students' academic performance through enhanced and innovative student health and guidance services for K-12 Irvine students served by the Irvine and Tustin Unified School Districts. Each School District's grant portion of the Educational Partnership Fund shall be determined by the Irvine student enrollment ratio according to the California Basic Education Data System enrollment report.

Section 5. Challenge Match Grant. The City of Irvine shall allocate $1,000,000 annually, from Fiscal Year 2011-2012 through Fiscal Year 2013-2014, in Challenge Match Grant funds to support the Irvine and Tustin Unified School Districts for preservation of class-size support. Each School District's grant portion of the Challenge Match Grant shall be determined by the Irvine student enrollment ratio according to the California Basic Education Data System enrollment report.

A. Class-size support measures shall include, but are not limited to:

1) Reduction in number of students per class
2) Maximization of classroom instructional time
3) Additional teachers, aides and instructional assistants
4) Additional class sections to reduce class size
5) Targeted student intervention support
6) More individualized instruction
7) Small learning groups
8) Flexible groupings
9) Special projects
10) One-on-one assistance for students who are at risk
11) Enrichment programs
B. Matching school district funding sources shall include, but are not limited to:

1) Corporate donations
2) Public School Foundations
3) Parent Teacher Organizations
4) Parent Teacher Associations
5) Fundraising activities sanctioned by the School District
6) Institutional and community organizations

Section 6.  **Effective date.** This Ordinance shall go into effect ten (10) days after the date on which the election results are declared by the City Council.

Section 7.  **Construction.** To the maximum extent authorized by law, this Ordinance shall be interpreted in a manner consistent with the right of initiative reserved to the people by the California Constitution.

Section 8.  **Future amendments.** Pursuant to article II, section 10(c) of the California Constitution, the provisions contained in this Ordinance may be amended by a four-fifths vote of the City Council only to the extent such amendments further or expand the intent and objectives set forth in this Ordinance. All other amendments or any proposed repeal of the provisions contained in this Ordinance shall become effective only when approved by the voters.

Section 9.  **Severability.** If any provision of this Ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, that determination of invalidity shall not affect other provisions or application of the Ordinance that can be given effect without the invalid provision, and to this end the provisions of this Ordinance are severable. The voters of the City hereby declare that they would have adopted this Ordinance and each portion thereof regardless of the fact that an invalid portion or portions may have been present in the Ordinance.

ADOPTED by the vote of the people of the City of Irvine on November 2, 2010 at a General Municipal Election as certified by the City Council of the City of Irvine on the 14th day of December, 2010, and becomes effective ten (10) days thereafter on December 24, 2010.

ATTEST:

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CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF IRVINE
I, SHARIE APODACA, City Clerk of the City of Irvine, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Ordinance No. 10-10 was adopted by the voters of the City of Irvine as Initiative Measure R at an election held on November 2, 2010, as certified by the City Council of the City of Irvine on the 14th day of December, 2010, and that the ordinance becomes effective ten (10) days thereafter on December 24, 2010.

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CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF IRVINE