

**MOTION RELATED TO THE BAILEY CHILDCARE PROGRAM
AND BAILEY COMMUNITY CENTER BUILDING**

The Bailey Community Association:

1. Believes the continued operation of an infant-to-5yr.-old child care program at the Bailey Community Center is crucial for the viability of the neighborhood;
2. Supports a public governance structure for this program that does not require regular, on-going intervention by the East Lansing City Council, or by City managers and staff for whom child care matters are not a core professional competency;
3. Does not believe that the complexity of providing high quality child care, in a manner that meets regulatory requirements, is a compelling rationale for ending the current publicly-run child care program, and finds it ironic to hear government officials essentially complain that the regulatory complexity of operating a child care center is too great a challenge;
4. Believes that the fair operating costs of any public child care program are appropriately borne by the users of the service, and that the City should promptly revise program fees to meet the funding needs of a quality child care program;
5. Believes that the current child care program requires skilled, focused, professional, long-term leadership in order to serve children and their families well, and to retain and attract program users;
6. Believes that the current child care program should be given three years as suggested by councilmember Beier, with reasonable resources, and skilled, committed leadership, to attract and serve a greater proportion of City residents;
7. Believes that high-quality, affordable, child care is a good and necessary requirement to attract and maintain a diverse population of homeowners and tenants to the City, and supports some reasonable amount of public subsidy of this service for the benefit of City residents and their children.