

Wilmington, Delaware
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WHEREAS, 2018 has shown an unprecedented number of female candidates running

Sponsor:

for office as compared to previous years; and

**Council
President
Shabazz**

WHEREAS, the Federal Election Commission ruled in May of 2018 that federal candidates can utilize campaign funds to pay for child care costs that result from time spent campaigning; and

WHEREAS, while many states have recently begun to adopt legislative provisions that permit the use of campaign funds for child care, Delaware does not currently have such provision; and

WHEREAS, the City of Wilmington is supportive of those that fulfill the caregiver role in their families, and recognizes that running for office can place a heavier toll on families that may require additional child support because of time spent on the campaign trail; and

WHEREAS, the City believes that people with all different types of living situations should have the support to be civically engaged; and

WHEREAS, the City Council respectfully calls on the Delaware General Assembly to support caregivers by adopting legislation that permits the use of campaign funds for additional child care that arises due to campaigning.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON, that the City Council recognizes and supports caregivers that face the challenges of campaigning. City Council believes in providing equal opportunity to all people, and calls on the Delaware General Assembly to pass legislation that would permit the use of campaign funds for child care needs.

Passed by City Council,

Attest: _____
City Clerk

SYNOPSIS: This Resolution calls on the Delaware General Assembly to pass legislation that would permit the use of campaign funds for child care needs and services due to the time needed to campaign for office.