

## **Child-Care Center History Summary**

The Mountain View City Council (Council) and staff have actively engaged on child-care needs and access for nearly two-decades when the Mountain View Los Altos Child-Care Task Force (CCTF) was created in 1997 and began the process that led to the City's Child-Care Center.

The CCTF, which included a Council and staff representative, presented a child-care needs assessment to Council in 1999. The CCTF subsequently produced a Child-Care Center feasibility study which led to a Council Study Sessions on child care in 2001. In 2002, the Council directed staff to develop a child-care center implementation plan. As a result, the Council engaged the consulting firm International Child Resource Institute (ICRI) in 2003 to conduct a funding search and developer operator Request for Proposals (RFP) process to construct and operate a child-care center at a site adjacent to the City's Community Center.

The funding search led to a series of discussions with funders in the early childhood development field, including the David and Lucile Packard Foundation. Simultaneous to that discussion, the developer operator RFP process resulted in five applications, which were narrowed to three, based on qualifications. Of those three applicants, Children's Creative Learning Centers (CCLC) had the strongest financial proposal and relevant operating experience.

At the December 7, 2004 City Council meeting, the Council adopted a resolution authorizing staff to pursue a \$2.8 million Program Related Investment (PRI) from the Packard Foundation for construction of a child-care center and authorized the City Manager to negotiate a Letter of Intent with CCLC as operator of the Center.

On March 14, 2005, the Packard Foundation Board notified the City that they approved the City's application. On April 7, 2005, staff met with the CEO of CCLC to begin preliminary negotiations for operation of the center. On December 7, 2007, CCLC entered into an eight-year lease agreement as the operator of the child-care center with the City of Mountain View.

Over the winter of 2007-08, construction began on the 7,200 square foot facility. The City dedicated the facility and an art gate at a public ceremony on August 28, 2008.