



CITY OF MOUNTAIN VIEW

MEMORANDUM

City Manager's Office

DATE: June 11, 2019

TO: City Council

FROM: Kimberly S. Thomas, Assistant to the City Manager

VIA: Daniel H. Rich, City Manager

SUBJECT: Child-Care Commitment Reserve and Child-Care Subsidies Update

PURPOSE

In response to the City Council's request at the April 25, 2019 Narrative Budget Study Session, this memorandum provides an update on the City's Child-Care Center Reserve and child-care subsidies.

BACKGROUND

The City has a longstanding commitment in support of making child care available to families in Mountain View. The City Council has been actively engaged in addressing Mountain View child-care needs and access for over two decades. The commitment resulted in the City's Child-Care Center, a City-owned building at 260 Escuela Avenue, behind the Senior Center. The Center is currently operated by Community Gatepath's Learning Links.

SUMMARY

On November 27, 2018, the City Council discussed several options for the Center and child care. At that time, the Council authorized several actions associated with the City's agreement with Learning Links for the ongoing operation of the Center summarized below (Attachment 1).

- ***Authorized Renewal of the Agreement:*** With Community Gatepath's Learning Links for operation of the Child-Care Center.
- ***Renewal Term:*** The current operator agreement expires June 30, 2019. It will be authorized for a term of five years from July 2019 to July 2024.

- ***Child-Care Commitment Reserve:*** Authorized five months of the lease revenue, approximately \$80,000, to be allocated to the Child-Care Commitment Reserve in Fiscal Year 2018-19, to bring the estimated balance to \$500,000 at the end of the fiscal year, and directed \$100,000 in the Child-Care Commitment Reserve to be provided for child-care subsidies for the next five years, so the Reserve is depleted at the time the lease with the current operator ends.
- ***Child-Care Subsidies:*** The \$100,000 subsidy from the City allows Learning Links to provide ongoing subsidies for up to 15 students from low-income families.
- ***Building Maintenance:*** Council direction also included \$30,000 in the Fiscal Year 2019-20 CIP for building repairs.
- ***Contract Amendment:*** The contract amendment is in progress and will include the direction as summarized above. In addition to the shift to accreditation through Quality Matters, the Council requested modification for the prioritization of City employees.

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Attachment: 1. [Mountain View Child-Care Strategy – November 27, 2018](#)