

CITY OF MOUNTAIN VIEW
RESOLUTION NO.
SERIES 2023

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MOUNTAIN VIEW
DECLARING SUPPORT OF CHILD CARE FOR ALL

WHEREAS, in 2021, the average annual cost of child care in Santa Clara County was \$26,450 for an infant at a licensed care center and \$21,900 for a preschooler's child care, according to the 2022 Silicon Valley Index; and

WHEREAS, the two most significant monthly expenses faced by working families are rent and child care, according to the 2023 Silicon Valley Index; and

WHEREAS, the lack of an affordable child-care option leads to greater housing instability, decreased business productivity, and a challenge of seeking, securing, and maintaining employment; and

WHEREAS, investing in affordable child care provides vital infrastructure to working parents, supports early childhood development, allows families to remain in a geographic area, and decreases poverty; and

WHEREAS, investing in accessible, high-quality child care is an effective action to improve the welfare of children and their parents; and

WHEREAS, investments in the child care-sector should prioritize supporting the most underserved children and families, including, but not limited to, families of color, families of children with special needs, low-income families, and undocumented families; and

WHEREAS, the City of Mountain View has actively supported and engaged in addressing child-care needs in Mountain View for the past two decades; and

WHEREAS, the City's participation in the Mountain View-Los Altos Child-Care Task Force resulted in the construction of the Child-Care Center (Center) at 260 Escuela Avenue, which opened in 2008; and

WHEREAS, in 2008, the City Council set child-care policy direction and approved establishing a priority list for enrollment in the Center, including first priority for low-income Mountain View residents consistent with the State/County child-care subsidy income level guidelines and definition; and

WHEREAS, the policy direction also set an operational goal to have 30% of the Center’s enrollment allotted for low-income families and their child-care tuition subsidized; and

WHEREAS, exploring strategies for enhancing child-care options is a part of the City Council Strategic Priorities and Fiscal Year 2023-25 Work Plan; and

WHEREAS, supporting child-care proposals that support the increase in child care within the community, supporting legislation for child and child-care tax credits and guaranteed income funding programs for families, and advocating for changes in State law and additional funding that promotes increased ability for child-care options in urban settings have been and continue to be a part of the City’s Legislative Platform; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to support efforts to provide child care to all children and families in the County and the State of California; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: that the City Council of the City of Mountain View will continue to be proactive in its efforts to advocate for public funding streams in support of child care; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Mountain View will explore policies and practices that will facilitate and expedite permitting and licensing processes for child-care facilities; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Mountain View will support staff within our organization to promote the importance of child-care businesses in the City and provide technical support for providers who desire to operate within the City; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Mountain View will partner with Build the Future Santa Clara County in advocating for comprehensive and collaborative solutions to address the County’s child-care crisis.

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