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RESOLUTION NO. _____

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF SUNNYVALE DECLARING SUPPORT OF EFFORTS TO
PROVIDE UNIVERSAL CHILD CARE**

WHEREAS, the Council for a Strong America issued a report in early 2023¹ which details how the shortage of child care for infants and toddlers costs the United States \$122 billion in lost earnings, productivity, and revenue every year; and

WHEREAS, this shortage translates to a \$15 billion economic threat to California and a \$3 billion threat to Santa Clara County; and

WHEREAS, the two most significant monthly expenses faced by working families are rent and child care;

WHEREAS, according to the Silicon Valley Index², the average annual cost of child care in Silicon Valley in 2023 was \$36,276 for infant care and \$31,644 for preschool-age care; and

WHEREAS, the lack of affordable child care can create difficulties for parents in seeking, securing and maintaining employment, and may be associated with other issues including underemployment, greater housing instability, less consumer spending, and depressed business productivity; and

WHEREAS, affordable child care provides vital infrastructure to working parents and supports early childhood development, and may allow families to remain in a geographic area, create a stronger economy, improve business productivity and consumer spending, help decrease poverty, and contribute to safer communities; and

WHEREAS, cities have an interest in building strong local economies, supporting and benefiting from local small businesses, and attracting and retaining families and employers; and

WHEREAS, investing in broadly accessible, high quality child care can help improve common economic and societal challenges that families may experience; and

¹ Council for a Strong America. *\$122 Billion: The Growing, Annual Cost of the Infant-Toddler Child Care Crisis*. Council for a Strong America, 2023.

[https://strongnation.s3.amazonaws.com/documents/1598/05d917e2-9618-4648-a0ee-1b35d17e2a4d.pdf?Expires=1674854626&inline;%20filename=%22\\$122%20Billion:%20The%20Growing%20Annual%20Cost%20of%20the%20Infant-Toddler%20Child%20Care%20Crisis.pdf%22](https://strongnation.s3.amazonaws.com/documents/1598/05d917e2-9618-4648-a0ee-1b35d17e2a4d.pdf?Expires=1674854626&inline;%20filename=%22$122%20Billion:%20The%20Growing%20Annual%20Cost%20of%20the%20Infant-Toddler%20Child%20Care%20Crisis.pdf%22)

² Joint Venture Silicon Valley. *Silicon Valley Indicators*.

<https://siliconvalleyindicators.org/data/society/early-education-care/childcare-costs/cost-of-childcare/>

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

WHEREAS, Build the Future Santa Clara County is a local movement with the goal of building a brighter future for all Santa Clara County residents by advocating for affordable, quality childcare for all to help working parents and their children, as well as the entire community, by reducing poverty, improving community safety, and building a stronger economy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SUNNYVALE THAT:

1. The City of Sunnyvale supports efforts to provide universal child care to children and families in the County of Santa Clara and the State of California.
2. The City of Sunnyvale will advocate for public funding that supports universal child care.
3. The City of Sunnyvale will take a targeted approach to provide resources to unhoused children and families needing child care and other safety net services.
4. The City of Sunnyvale will support policies and practices designed to facilitate expedited zoning, permitting, and licensing processes for both center-based and home-based child care facilities.
5. The City of Sunnyvale will empower appropriate departments and divisions to promote the importance of child care businesses in Sunnyvale and provide technical support for providers who desire to operate within this city.
6. The City of Sunnyvale supports Build the Future Santa Clara County's efforts to identify, advocate for, and implement comprehensive and collaborative solutions to solve the child care crisis. Those solutions include but are not limited to building a coalition of stakeholders across all sectors, including small and large businesses, community-based organizations, neighborhood associations, law enforcement authorities, local governments, school districts, special districts, and labor and trade unions.

Adopted by the City Council at a regular meeting held on _____, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

RECUSAL:

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

DAVID CARNAHAN
City Clerk
(SEAL)

LARRY KLEIN
Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

REBECCA L. MOON
City Attorney