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The Honorable Dawn Addis  
California State Assembly  
1021 O Street, Suite 4120  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: AB 1391 (Addis) Universal Funding for Universal Transitional Kindergarten  
(as Amended March 24, 2025) – SUPPORT**

Dear Assemblymember Addis:

Larry Klein  
Mayor

Linda Sell  
Vice Mayor

Alysa Cisneros  
Councilmember

Richard Mehlinger  
Councilmember

Murali Srinivasan  
Councilmember

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Councilmember

Eileen Le  
Councilmember

On behalf of the City of Sunnyvale, we want to express our support for AB 1391 which would provide universal funding for universal transitional kindergarten (UTK).

AB 1391 provides a fair and urgently needed solution by creating a mechanism to ensure community-funded districts receive the same UTK support as our state-funded peers. This bill aligns with the state's goal of UTK by making it genuinely accessible and sustainable for every district, regardless of their funding structure.

For the past decade, Sunnyvale schools have been left to fund transitional kindergarten (TK) out of existing resources, the vast majority of which, like any other school, are dedicated to existing teachers and support staff. This cost has become increasingly impossible to bear as more students have become eligible for TK, reaching full implementation next school year.

Current City of Sunnyvale policy places a high priority on supporting efforts to improve the availability and quality of education made available in Sunnyvale, supporting educational reforms that will cost-effectively result in better education and supporting reforms to the State's school formula based upon average daily attendance to recognize actual needs of funding for schools (Sunnyvale City Council Goal 5.1E and Policies 5.1E.1 and 5.1E.4). We believe universal transitional kindergarten accomplishes this goal and helps California's youth to excel in school. The City also partners with and supports the Sunnyvale Elementary School District's educational and enrichment programs and activities.

The City's support of this bill extends as proposed-to-be-amended by your committee to provide for an open bidding process. Universal transitional kindergarten is important to our community, and universal funding is needed to provide this service.

For these reasons, we express our support for AB 1391. Thank you for your consideration of our position. Please do not hesitate to contact me or Michelle Perera, Director of Library and Recreation Services, [MPerera@sunnyvale.ca.gov](mailto:MPerera@sunnyvale.ca.gov), if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Larry Klein  
Mayor

cc: The Honorable Al Muratsuchi, Chair, Assembly Education Committee  
City Council  
Tim Kirby, City Manager  
Sarah Johnson-Rios, Assistant City Manager  
Michelle Perera, Director of Library and Recreation Services  
Michael Gallagher, Ed.D., Superintendent Sunnyvale School District