



City of Sunnyvale

Agenda Item

14-0794
Agenda Date: 1/30/2015

2015 COUNCIL STUDY ISSUE

NUMBER

CDD 15-11

TITLE Appropriate Locations for Child Care Facilities

BACKGROUND

Lead Department: Community Development
Support Department(s): N/A

Sponsor(s):
 City Manager

History:
 1 year ago: N/A
 2 years ago: N/A

SCOPE OF THE STUDY

What are the key elements of the study?

This study would provide clear guidance to child care center providers, real estate brokers and other interested parties seeking information on appropriate locations for child care centers in the City. In the past few years there have been numerous inquiries about placing day care centers at various locations, many of which may not be appropriate for that use. Examples include sites in single family neighborhoods, along the El Camino Real corridor adjacent to auto repair /adult entertainment businesses, and sites in industrial zoning districts. Staff has discouraged applicants from locating at sites that could be considered inappropriate for child care uses. About 2 years ago staff conducted an existing conditions assessment of child care centers in Sunnyvale, and analyzed opportunities and concerns associated with locating such facilities in different zoning districts. The study would complete these efforts and develop guidelines for locating child care centers.

What precipitated this study?

Numerous inquiries about where to site child care centers, but not having clear guidelines to assist all parties in considering the request.

Planned Completion Year: 2015

FISCAL IMPACT

Cost to Conduct Study

Level of staff effort required (opportunity cost): Moderate

Amount of funding above current budget required: 0

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Funding Source: N/A

Explanation of Cost: N/A

Cost to Implement Study Results

No cost to implement

EXPECTED PARTICIPATION IN THE PROCESS

Council-approved work plan: No

Council Study Session: No

Reviewed by Boards/Commissions: Planning Commission

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Position: Support

Explanation: Providing clear standards and expectations is a key part of the City's responsibility to the community. This study would improve communication on this specific issue.

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