

## RESOLUTION NO. 2024-XX

### RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GILROY JOINING “BUILD THE FUTURE SANTA CLARA COUNTY” TO ADVOCATE FOR COLLABORATIVE AND COMPREHENSIVE SOLUTIONS TO ADVANCE CHILD CARE OPTIONS

**WHEREAS**, the Council for a Strong America issued a report in early 2023 which details that the shortage of infant-toddler child care 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**, a family living in Silicon Valley needs to pay an average of \$26,450 per child year for infant care and \$21,900 per year for one preschooler's childcare; and

**WHEREAS**, the lack of an affordable child care option leads to underemployment, greater housing instability, less consumer spending, depressed business productivity, and the near impossibility of seeking, securing, and maintaining employment; and

**WHEREAS**, affordable childcare provides vital infrastructure to working parents and supports early childhood development, allows families to remain in a geographic area, creates a stronger economy, improves business productivity and consumer spending, decreases poverty, leads to safer communities, and provides additional revenue for cities; and

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

**WHEREAS**, broadly accessible, high-quality child care benefits the local economy; and

**WHEREAS**, the child care sector supports all working families regardless of race, ethnicity, or minority group.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that City of Gilroy will be proactive in its efforts to promote and advocate for public funding streams in support of child care; and be it further

**RESOLVED** that the City of Gilroy will propose and support policies and practices that will facilitate expedited zoning, permitting, and licensing processes for both center-based and home-based child care facilities to the extent possible; and be it further

**RESOLVED** that the City of Gilroy will empower our office of economic development to promote the importance of child care businesses in this city and provide support for providers who desire to operate within this city; and be it further

**RESOLVED** that the City of Gilroy joins with Build the Future Santa Clara County in advocating for comprehensive and collaborative solutions that address improving accessibility to child care for working families in our community.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** at a Regular Meeting of the City Council this 8<sup>th</sup> day of January 2024 by the following roll call vote:

**AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS:**

**NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS:**

**ABSTAIN: COUNCIL MEMBERS:**

**ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS:**

APPROVED:

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Marie Blankley, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Thai Nam Pham, City Clerk