

RESOLUTION 2025-__

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF LOS GATOS SUPPORTING UNIVERSAL CHILDCARE EFFORTS IN SANTA CLARA COUNTY

WHEREAS, the Council for a Strong America issued a report in early 2023 which details that the shortage of infant-toddler childcare 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 per year for infant care and \$21,900 per year for one preschooler's childcare; and

WHEREAS, investing in 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, investments in the childcare sector should prioritize supporting our most underserved children and their families.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Council of the Town of Los Gatos does hereby declare, determine, and order as follows:

1. The Town Council supports efforts to provide childcare to all children and families in the County of Santa Clara and the State of California.
2. This resolution represents conceptual support rather than a fiscal commitment and does not create staff obligations or programmatic requirements.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Los Gatos, California, held on the 6th day of May 2025 by the following vote:

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

SIGNED:

MAYOR OF THE TOWN OF LOS GATOS
LOS GATOS, CALIFORNIA

ATTEST:

TOWN CLERK OF THE TOWN OF LOS GATOS
LOS GATOS, CALIFORNIA

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