



**TOWN OF LOS GATOS
COUNCIL AGENDA**

MEETING DATE: 05/06/2025

ITEM NO: 8

DATE: April 23, 2025
TO: Mayor and Town Council
FROM: Chris Constantin, Town Manager
SUBJECT: Approve Resolution Supporting Efforts of Santa Clara County to Provide Universal Childcare

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommend the Town Council consider approval of a Resolution supporting efforts by the County of Santa Clara to provide universal childcare.

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

The proposed resolution supports the Town Council Core Goals of **Civic Engagement**. It also supports the Town's 2025-27 Strategic Priority of ensuring all residents and visitors in maintaining and enhancing the Town as a family-oriented and inclusive community to families with children.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None. The item does not require nor compel allocation of public resources.

BACKGROUND:

Childcare availability and affordability continue to be significant issues nationwide, with pronounced impacts within California and specifically Santa Clara County. According to a report by the Council for a Strong America (2023), the shortage of infant-toddler childcare results in an annual economic loss of approximately \$122 billion nationally, translating into a \$15 billion loss for California and specifically \$3 billion for Santa Clara County.

At the request of the Mayor, this resolution is being presented to the Town Council for approval.

Reviewed by: Town Manager, Assistant Town Manager, and Town Attorney.

DISCUSSION:

Supervisor Susan Ellenberg and the Board of Supervisors have been dedicated advocates for universal childcare, championing initiatives aimed at enhancing childcare accessibility and affordability within Santa Clara County. The proposed resolution aligns with these regional efforts and signifies Los Gatos' support in addressing this critical issue.

Through the Supervisor and Board's efforts and efforts by Working Partnerships, a workplace collaborative, cities in Santa Clara County have been passing resolutions and proclamations supporting the County's efforts but not committing cities to financial resources. These include the cities of Sunnyvale and Los Altos among others.

This resolution is a statement of conceptual support, signaling Los Gatos' commitment to collaborative regional solutions without imposing fiscal obligations or direct programmatic actions on Town resources at this juncture.

CONCLUSION:

Approving the resolution affirms support for universal childcare efforts by the County of Santa Clara; however, it does not oblige the Town to any further commitment.

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT:

This action does not constitute a "project" under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to **CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(5)** because it involves an administrative activity of government that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment. Specifically, the approval of the resolution does not have the potential for causing significant environmental impacts.

Attachment:

1. Resolution