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Memorandum

To: Mayor & Council
From: David Reynolds
Re: Agenda Item: Consider Resolution TC 2025-19 Supporting the Confluence Early Childhood Education (CECE), Strong Bright Future Campaign.
Date: 09/16/2025

Purpose:

The purpose of this agenda item is to Consider Resolution TC 2025-19 supporting CECE's "Strong Bright Future Campaign," and their related ballot initiative to be decided by voters on November 4, 2025.

During a regular Town Council meeting held on August 5, 2025, CECE Coalition Director Maggie Tolan Tiscornia presented the work that CECE is doing to develop a funding mechanism for Early Childhood Development Services in the area from Parachute to Aspen. During a regular Town Council meeting held on August 19, 2025, Town Council directed staff to provide a Resolution for Council consideration supporting CECE's efforts. With CECE's November 4th ballot language now finalized, staff presents Resolution TC 2025-19 for Town Council's review and consideration.

See attached Resolution TC 2025-19

See below for CECE November 4th Ballot Language:

SHALL TAXES IN THE PROPOSED CONFLUENCE EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT SERVICE DISTRICT BE INCREASED BY \$12.1 MILLION ANNUALLY, AND BY WHATEVER ADDITIONAL AMOUNTS MAY BE RAISED THEREAFTER, TO FUND THE DISTRICT TO REDUCE THE COST OF AND PROVIDE MORE PRESCHOOL AND CHILDCARE FOR FAMILIES IN GARFIELD, PITKIN, AND SOUTHWESTERN EAGLE COUNTIES, AND IN CONNECTION THEREWITH:

ORGANIZING THE CONFLUENCE EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT SERVICE DISTRICT;

AUTHORIZING THE DISTRICT TO COLLECT A .25% SALES AND USE TAX (EQUAL TO 25 CENTS ON A \$100 PURCHASE) IN GARFIELD, PITKIN, AND SOUTHWESTERN EAGLE COUNTIES EFFECTIVE IN 2026, TO FUND EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT SERVICES INCLUDING:

- LOWERING FAMILIES' COST OF PRESCHOOL AND CHILDCARE; AND
- EXPANDING CAPACITY OF PRESCHOOL AND CHILDCARE FACILITIES SO MORE CHILDREN CAN ATTEND; AND
- INCREASING WAGES FOR PRESCHOOL AND CHILDCARE TEACHERS AND STAFF;

WITHOUT TAXING ITEMS EXCLUDED BY STATE LAW SUCH AS GROCERIES, GAS, DIAPERS AND MEDICINE;

REQUIRING AN ANNUAL AUDIT BY AN INDEPENDENT THIRD-PARTY; AND

AUTHORIZING THE DISTRICT TO COLLECT, RETAIN AND SPEND ALL DISTRICT REVENUE AS VOTER-APPROVED REVENUE?