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[Child care initiatives funding]

Resolution urging the Mayor to commit full funding for SF CARES and WAGES + in the baseline of the proposed budget for the 2001-2002 fiscal year.

WHEREAS, There are an estimated 3,500 child care teachers, licensed family child care providers, and teaching assistants working in centers and homes in San Francisco; and

WHEREAS, Child care professionals are among the lowest paid workers of any profession, with starting wages of less than \$7.00 an hour; and,

WHEREAS, Low wages of child care teachers and providers results in higher turnover and lower quality of care for children in working families; and,

WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco has received national recognition for being the first county in California to invest in the local child care workforce, including increased wages, through the historic SF CARES and WAGES + programs; and,

WHEREAS, At current funding levels, less than one in three eligible San Francisco child care teachers receives incentives to continue their education and remain in the field, and the current WAGES + program does not support family child care providers who care for the majority of infants and toddlers in San Francisco's working families; and,

WHEREAS, Child care teachers, family child care providers, and teaching assistants live and work in every district in the city; and,

WHEREAS, When child care classrooms stay vacant because qualified professionals do not enter the field, the city's facility investments are compromised, and 5,000 children continue to languish on waiting lists; now, therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the Mayor to commit full funding of
2 \$1.5 million for SF CARES and \$4.1 million for WAGES + in the baseline of the proposed
3 fiscal year 2001-2002 City Budget; and, be it

4 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors recommends increased
5 funding of the WAGES + program for family child care providers, and supports the planning
6 efforts undertaken by the Child Care Planning & Advisory Council and the Department of
7 Human Services.

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Date Passed:

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February 20, 2001 Board of Supervisors — SEVERED FROM FOR ADOPTION WITHOUT COMMITTEE REFERENCE AGENDA

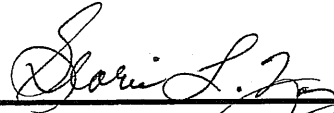
February 20, 2001 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 10 - Ammiano, Daly, Gonzalez, Hall, McGoldrick, Leno, Newsom, Peskin, Sandoval, Yee

Absent: 1 - Maxwell

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was **ADOPTED** on February 20, 2001 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.



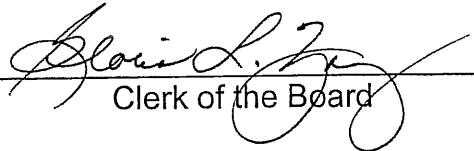
Gloria L. Young
Clerk of the Board

Date Approved

Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.

March 2, 2001

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution, not being signed by the Mayor within the time limit as set forth in Section 3.103 of the Charter, became effective without his approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter.



Clerk of the Board

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