[Urging to Establish a Homeownership Down Payment Assistance Program for Family Child Care Home Operators]

Resolution urging the Mayor’s Office of Housing and Community Development to collaborate with the Office of Early Care and Education, Office of Economic and Workforce Development, Low Income Investment Fund (LIIF), Homeownership SF, and other partners to establish a homeownership down payment assistance pilot program for licensed, quality family child care home operators.

WHEREAS, Homeownership offers families housing security and the ability to build assets and accumulate generational wealth; and

WHEREAS, Due to historic racist housing and financing laws, such as redlining, Black, Latinx, Indigenous, and other communities of color are less likely to have the capital or access to own their homes; and

WHEREAS, Saving enough to offer a down payment is a barrier to homeownership, particularly in a competitive housing market like San Francisco, in which the median price of a home is well over $1 million; and

WHEREAS, San Francisco is one of many municipalities that offers downpayment assistance programs for first-time homebuyers; and

WHEREAS, The Mayor’s Office of Housing currently administers five downpayment assistance programs for low-to middle- income households, with dedicated funding for first responders and San Francisco public school; and

WHEREAS, Family child care operators are licensed by the State of California and offer early care and education for children within residential facilities; and can serve up to 8 children depending on age and requirements or up to 14 children for Large Family Child Care Homes; and
WHEREAS, Family Child Care Homes offer affordable programs to families and flexibility in schedules, such as extended hours and weekend hours; while also offering a comfortable, home setting for young children adapting to a new learning environment; and

WHEREAS, In San Francisco, there were over 700 Family Child Care Homes serving over 6,000 slots during the 2017 Early Care and Education Needs Assessment; and

WHEREAS, Early care educators are historically underpaid despite the level of training, skills, licensing requirements, and quality assessments that are required to run early care and education programs; and

WHEREAS, When a family child care home is displaced or evicted, there is a triple impact: the family loses their home, the families served by the provider need to seek new care, and the community loses the child care slots further impacting the waitlists; and

WHEREAS, The COVID-19 crisis hit the Family Child Care Homes hard with many operators having to close or suspend their programs; and

WHEREAS, Housing insecurity will continue to be a critical vulnerability for many households after the pandemic is over, including Family Child Care Home operators who will also need to rebuild their programs; and

WHEREAS, Offering long-lasting financial support for homebuyers and homeowners will support community stabilization and help low-income and middle-income households recover from the economic shutdown; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the Mayor’s Office of Housing and Community Development to collaborate with the Office of Early Care and Education, the Office of Economic and Workforce Development, Low Income Investment Fund (LIIF), Homeownership SF, Family Child Care Association of San Francisco, and other partners to establish a homeownership down payment assistance pilot program for licensed, early care educators operating Family Child Care Homes.
FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors directs the Clerk to transmit
copies of this Resolution to the Director of the Mayor’s Office of Housing and Community
Development, Director of the Office of Early Care and Education, and the Acting Director of
the Mayor’s Office of Economic Workforce Development.
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March 16, 2021 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED
Ayes: 11 - Chan, Haney, Manelman, Mar, Melgar, Peskin, Preston, Ronen, Safai, Stefani and Walton

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 3/16/2021 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

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, or time waived pursuant to Board Rule 2.14.2, became effective without her approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter or Board Rule 2.14.2.

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

3/26/2021
Date Approved