[Urging Congress to Support $100 Billion Relief Funding for Child Care in the Next COVID-19 Relief Package]

Resolution urging Congress to support the Federal House of Representatives recommendation supporting $100 billion to aid in the relief, recovery, and revitalization of the child care sector in the wake of the coronavirus pandemic, authored by Congresswoman Katherine Clark, Congressmembers Jahana Hayes, Jimmy Panneta, Suzanne Bonamici, Danny Davis, and Tom Malinowski, and signed by 84 House Congress members.

WHEREAS, Historically, the early education and child care sector has been undervalued and underfunded; and

WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco is home to almost 78,000 children, with only 23,000 children age 0-11 qualify for subsidized early care and education; and

WHEREAS, The current funding for San Francisco only covers 38 percent of children, age 0-11, who are income eligible for subsidies, leaving over 14,000 children in need; and

WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco continues to have a significant unmet need for additional licensed slots and subsidized spaces; and

WHEREAS, The COVID-19 pandemic has devastated and significantly impacted early education and child care operating in centers and home based programs; and

WHEREAS, This has caused additional financial burden to providers and families due to layoffs and mandatory closures; and

WHEREAS, The Bipartisan Policy Center found that the impact of COVID-19 has led to the closure of 60 percent of licensed child care facilities; and
WHEREAS, The National Association for the Education of Young Children revealed that only 11 percent of the country’s child care providers would survive without government aid; and

WHEREAS, The Center for Law and Social Policy estimated that the child care and early education industry requires at least $9.6 billion each month to sustain the viability of providers; and

WHEREAS, On May 6, 2020, 84 Congress members called for the federal government to invest $50 billion in the form of short-term stabilization funding and an additional $50 billion in long-term recovery funding to aid students, families, and providers; and

WHEREAS, The short-term stabilization funding would support essential frontline workers, and prioritize keeping providers operational, especially providers that serve the most marginalized children and families in our communities; and

WHEREAS, Congress members are proposing to make child care and early education more accessible after the pandemic by providing aid for families and investing in providers, early childhood educators, and Head Start; and

WHEREAS, Child care and early childhood education have become more inaccessible and unaffordable due to the increasing economic impact of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, These investments are holistic and include support for providers, facilities, families, and the early education workforce including making the Child and Dependent Care Tax Credit refundable, reauthorizing the Child Care Access Means Parents in School (CCAMPIS) program to provide more child care support to student parents, support both the renovation and new construction of child care facilities, an early childhood educators student loan repayment program, and increase in technology supports and child mental health consultations; and
WHEREAS, Now more than ever, we must provide support to families that need access to child care and early education services, especially parents who are frontline workers; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco supports the proposal of congress members to invest $100 billion in child care and early education to help sustain accessible, affordable, and quality child care and early education services during and after the pandemic; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors urge the federal government to invest in workforce development and provide aid to current providers and educators; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit copies of this Resolution to Congresswoman Katherine Clark, Congressmembers Jahana Hayes, Jimmy Panetta, Suzanne Bonamici, Danny Davis, and Tom Malinowski, Speaker Nancy Pelosi, Chairmen of the Education and Labor Committee Congressman Bobby Scott, Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education Chair, Congressman Gregorio Kilili Camacho Sablan, and the House Democratic Caucus.
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May 19, 2020 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Fewer, Haney, Mandelman, Mar, Peskin, Preston, Ronen, Safai, Stefani, Walton and Yee

File No. 200495

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 5/19/2020 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

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Unsigned

London N. Breed
Mayor

05/29/2020

Date Approved

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.

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Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

05/29/2020

Date