[Approving Early Care and Education for All Initiative’s “Babies and Families First Fund” Five-Year Spending Plan]

Resolution approving the Office of Early Care and Education’s five-year spending plan for the Early Care and Education for All Initiative’s “Babies and Families First Fund.”

WHEREAS, On June 5, 2018, San Francisco voters approved Proposition C, the Early Care and Education Commercial Rents Tax with 85% of new revenue generated to expand early care and education by stabilizing the workforce with increased compensation, increasing support for low-income families and moderate-income families; and investing in comprehensive early care and education services to support the physical, emotional, and cognitive development of children under the age of six; and

WHEREAS, Section 20.17-1 of the Administrative Code established the Early Care and Education for All Initiative (the “Initiative”) to provide support for quality early care and education for children in San Francisco families; and

WHEREAS, Section 20.17-2 of the Administrative Code requires that within nine months of the effective date of establishment of the Initiative, the Office of Early Care and Education (“OECE”) shall submit to the Board of Supervisors a five-year spending plan for the Initiative; and

WHEREAS, The effective date of Article XVII of the Administrative Code, establishing the Initiative, was November 5, 2018; and

WHEREAS, OECE conducted extensive community engagement from November 2018 through June 2019 to develop a spending plan for the Initiative which reflects outreach to and input from parents, families, early educators, early care business owners, stakeholders, non-profit organizations, philanthropists, academics, First 5 San Francisco, the Childcare Planning
and Advisory Council, and San Francisco community members on early care and education priorities, needs and opportunities; and

WHEREAS, OECE’s community engagement from November 2018 through June 2019 included newsletters, a web page, social media communications, community town halls facilitated in multiple languages, community input sessions, an online survey, a participatory budgeting exercise with early care and education stakeholders, and toolkits for use by parent groups and early care professionals in soliciting input; and

WHEREAS, OECE utilized the results of its community engagement to develop funding recommendations for the Initiative designed to achieve the goals set forth in Section 20.17-2 of the Administrative Code, including the following priorities:

1) Providing support for quality early care and education to all San Francisco children under the age of six from households whose incomes are at or below 85% of State Median Income and who are listed as eligible, on that basis, to receive support for early care and education — but who, because of a lack of available resources, are not receiving the full amount of support to which they are entitled; and

2) Providing financial support for measures to increase the compensation of early care and education professionals and staff by not less than 10%, with an ultimate goal of achieving parity in compensation with K-12 educators who have commensurate experience, in a manner designed to improve the quality and availability of early care and education; and

3) Providing support for quality early care and education to all San Francisco children under the age of four whose families earn up to 200% of Area Median Income, in a manner proportionate to family income (such that families with lower incomes receive proportionately more support); and
4) Undertaking other measures designed to improve access to quality early care and education services that support the physical, emotional, and cognitive development of San Francisco children under the age of six; and

WHEREAS, OECE also included provisions addressing policies to manage revenue volatility on financial reserves, strategic one-time expenditures, and other strategies to promote stability and continuity in early care and education; and

WHEREAS, OECE engaged with the Childcare Planning and Advisory Council (CPAC) and their ad-hoc committees to develop strategies and priorities in the Spending Plan; and

WHEREAS, OECE hereby submits the spending plan required by Section 20.17-2 of the Administrative Code, titled “San Francisco Early Care and Education for All Initiative Five-Year Spending Plan: Framework for Building San Francisco’s Early Care and Education System,” a copy of which is on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File No. 201301; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors finds that OECE’s submission of the five-year spending plan for the Initiative’s “Babies and Families First Fund” meets the requirements as required by the Administrative Code; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors hereby approves OECE’s five-year spending plan for the Early Care and Education for All Initiative’s “Babies and Families First Fund.”
Resolution approving the Office of Early Care and Education’s five-year spending plan for the Early Care and Education for All Initiative’s "Babies and Families First Fund."

November 18, 2020 Budget and Appropriations Committee - RECOMMENDED

December 01, 2020 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED
   Ayes: 11 - Fewer, Haney, Mandelman, Mar, Peskin, Preston, Ronen, Safai, Stefani, Walton and Yee

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 12/1/2020 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

London N. Breed
Mayor

Date Approved