

1 [Urging California to Take Immediate Action to Support Early Care Educators to Prevent  
2 Permanent Closures as a Result of COVID-19]

3 **Resolution urging Governor Gavin Newsom to immediately release the \$350,000,000**  
4 **received from the CARES Act to provide urgent support to early care providers to**  
5 **prevent permanent closure and to support families negatively impacted by the COVID-**  
6 **19 crisis.**

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8 WHEREAS, The COVID-19 crisis and shelter in place has dramatically impacted the  
9 Early Care industry in San Francisco forcing full closures due to shelter-in-place over safety  
10 concerns and social distancing requirements; and

11 WHEREAS, According to the Office of Early Care and Education and SF Children’s  
12 Council, there is an estimated \$73,698,200 loss of revenue from March 16 - June 30 due to  
13 the shelter in place and COVID-19 crisis; and

14 WHEREAS, As California enters into PHASE 2 of lifting shelter-in-place restrictions that  
15 will slowly allow people to return to work, reliable and licensed child care providers are  
16 needed to support working families; and

17 WHEREAS, Many childcare providers believe they may close permanently unless  
18 substantial financial support is given to keep their businesses afloat; and

19 WHEREAS, In the 2009 recession, the San Francisco Bay Area permanently lost 10%-  
20 40% of home-based child care businesses which had dramatic impacts on the community and  
21 many fear this recession will have a larger impact on the childcare industry; and

22 WHEREAS, In a recent survey of 2000 providers, conducted by UC Berkeley’s Center  
23 for the Study of Childcare Employment, found that 63% of programs that are open would not  
24 survive another month of sheltering-in-place, absent financial assistance of the government;  
25 and

1           WHEREAS, California has received \$350 million for the Federal CARES Act to provide  
2 emergency support for childcare providers throughout California; and

3           WHEREAS, These funds are desperately needed to help fill the loss backpay,  
4 decreased enrollments due to social distancing requirements, and to purchase necessary  
5 PPE to keep early care workers, children and their families safe; now, be it therefore

6           RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges Mayor Gavin Newsom and the  
7 California legislature to take immediate action to release the \$350 million received from the  
8 CARES Act to cities throughout California to provide immediate emergency support to  
9 childcare providers to prevent the permanent closures of essential childcare providers; and,  
10 be it

11           FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Board shall transmit this Resolution to  
12 Governor Gavin Newsom; and, be it

13           FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors will work with the Office of  
14 Early Care and Education, the Children’s Council and The Office of the Mayor to finalize and  
15 create a funding plan to implement specific supports for childcare providers as expediently as  
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