

1 [Opposing reductions in California child care subsidies]

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3 Resolution urging the California State Legislature to oppose the
4 Governor's child care subsidy proposal.

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6 WHEREAS, Child care is critical to promoting the self-
7 sufficiency of San Francisco's CalWORKs families, many of whom
8 could not participate in vocational training, conduct job
9 search, or hold employment without child care; and,

10 WHEREAS, The Governor's child care proposal would reduce
11 eligibility for CalWORKs childcare from the current 75% of
12 California's state median income (SMI) level to the proposed 66%
13 of SMI level for San Francisco, thereby restricting CalWORKs
14 child care to families making less than 42.8% of the Bay Area's
15 regional median income standard set by the U.S. Department of
16 Housing and Urban Development; and,

17 WHEREAS, By reducing eligibility for CalWORKs child care,
18 the Governor's proposal would force more than 1,000 children in
19 San Francisco to lose eligibility for voucher and center
20 subsidized child care, and over 100 licensed child care
21 providers in San Francisco would lose 12% to 75% of their
22 enrollments; and,

23 WHEREAS, The Governor's proposal to reduce the child care
24 reimbursement rate from 93% to 75% of the market rate would
25 force child care providers to either reduce their rates, dis-

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1 enroll children, and/or reduce child care slots throughout the
2 City; and,

3 WHEREAS, By reducing reimbursement rates, the Governor's
4 child care proposal would reverse years of ground breaking work
5 and undermine millions of City General Fund dollars invested to
6 develop child care capacity, improve child care wages and
7 training through the Wages Plus program, CARES initiative, and
8 numerous other efforts; and,

9 WHEREAS, The Governor's child care proposal would require
10 all CalWORKs families to pay fees based on income, family size,
11 and years of care, and thereby drive many of these families into
12 unlicensed care; and,

13 WHEREAS, This policy change would create new fees or raise
14 current fees for the low-income families of nearly 9,100
15 children in San Francisco; now, therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and
17 County of San Francisco does hereby urge the California State
18 Legislature to oppose the Governor's Child Care Subsidy Proposal
19 because the proposed income ceiling of 66% of SMI does not
20 adequately reflect the high cost of living in San Francisco,
21 and, therefore, disproportionately hurts low income San
22 Francisco families; and, be it

23 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors also
24 opposes the Governor's Child Care Subsidy Proposal because the
25 lower reimbursement rates will considerably reduce the number of

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1 low income families accessing subsidies through licensed child
2 care providers and thereby cause a significant number of child
3 care providers to dis-enroll children or eliminate child care
4 slots; and, be it

5 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors, while
6 recognizing the need to increase child care fees, does not
7 support the Governor's proposal to require aided CalWORKs
8 families to pay fees, nor does it support the high cost of fees
9 imposed on low income families; and, be it

10 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Board of
11 Supervisors shall send copies of this resolution to State
12 Senators Jackie Speier and John Burton, Assemblywoman Carole
13 Migden, Assemblyman Kevin Shelley, and Governor Gray Davis.

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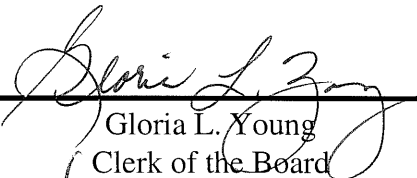
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April 15, 2002 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Ammiano, Daly, Gonzalez, Hall, Leno, Maxwell, McGoldrick, Newsom, Peskin, Sandoval, Yee

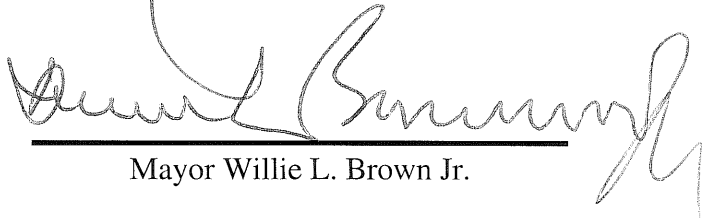
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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on April 15, 2002 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.


Gloria L. Young
Clerk of the Board

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Date Approved



Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.