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REPORT TO COUNCIL

City of Sacramento

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March 3, 2009

Honorable Mayor and
Members of the City Council

Title: Regional Compact for Children and Youth

Location/Council District: Citywide

Recommendation: 1) Approve compact; 2) Authorize City Manager or designee to sign compact on behalf of City

Contact: Lyn Corbett, Director of Office of Youth Development, (916) 808-8050

Presenters: Lyn Corbett, Director of Office of Youth Development

Department: Office of Youth Development

Division: N/A

Organization No: 02001041

Description/Analysis

Issue:

With the newly created Office of Youth Development and the leadership opportunities for young people available through its youth commission, Sacramento is charting the path to making sure that the City is one of the most youth friendly cities in the country.

The Ready by 21 and Yes to Youth coalitions requests the City of Sacramento take its commitment to youth a step further by formally adopting the Regional Compact for Children and Youth as its guiding philosophy for youth development. The Ready by 21 Coalition, the Office of Youth Development, the County Office of Education and the County Children's Coalition worked to develop the Compact.

The Capitol Region Ready by 21 Coalition is committed to the goal that all Sacramento area children and youth are ready for college, work and life by the age of 21. The Coalition's mission is to improve public and political will, align policies and enhance *systems and structures* to support the healthy development of children and youth. *In partnership with* the Sacramento County Children's Coalition, the City of Sacramento's Office of Youth Development, other organizations and the youth in our community, the Coalition is committed to ensuring that all children and youth in our region maintain a quality of life that

includes safe neighborhoods, schools, housing, nutritious food, health care, and equitable access to resources and experiences.

The Yes to Youth Coalition is a partnership of the Capitol Region Ready by 21 Coalition and Sacramento ACT, City and County agencies, non-profits, local businesses, local school districts, youth, and concerned citizens.

Policy Considerations: By adopting the Compact, the City pledges to review its current and future policies as they pertain to the youth and to use the Compact as an evaluation tool for how these policies affect youth development.

Environmental Considerations: N/A

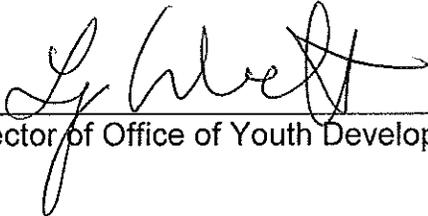
Commission/Committee Action: N/A

Sustainability Considerations: N/A

Rationale for Recommendation: The City is committed to ensuring that all children and youth in our region are a priority and that we invest in them by maintaining a quality of life that includes caring adults; safe places; a healthy start with basic needs met including housing, nutritious food, health care, and equitable access to resources and experiences; effective education and marketable skills that prepare them for the 21st century; and opportunities to participate and be involved in their community.

Financial Considerations: There is no financial impact or request for additional expenditure for funds related to this report.

Emerging Small Business Development (ESBD): N/A

Respectfully Submitted by: 
Lyn Corbett, Director of Office of Youth Development

Recommendation Approved:

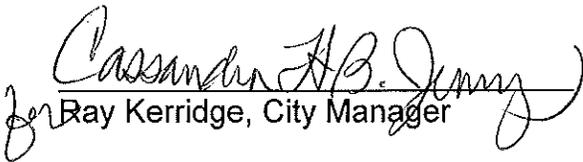

Ray Kerridge, City Manager

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Capital Region Compact for Children and Youth

We are committed to the goal that all Sacramento area children and youth are ready for college, work and life by the age of 21. To be successful, everyone in the community must play a role and collectively share the responsibility for the achievement of this commitment. Government, school districts, business, community-based organizations, faith-based organizations, philanthropy, and individuals can all play a role in creating a positive environment and providing the supports and opportunities that result in success for our young people.

Our mission is to improve public and political will, align policies and enhance *systems and structures* to support the healthy development of children and youth. Our collaborative efforts are being accomplished through the work of the Capital Region Ready By 21 Coalition, the Sacramento County Children's Coalition, the City of Sacramento's Office of Youth Development, other organizations, and the children and youth in our community. The signatories below commit to ensuring that all children and youth in our region are a priority and that we invest in them by maintaining a quality of life that includes caring adults; safe places; a healthy start with basic needs met including housing, nutritious food, health care, and equitable access to resources and experiences; effective education and marketable skills that prepare them for the 21st century; and opportunities to participate and be involved in their community.

Fulfilling these promises will create a community that:

- INVESTS IN CHILDREN AND YOUTH as our region's highest priority, including creating partnerships among public, private, and community-based sectors in order to provide a comprehensive, coordinated system of care, support and opportunities;
- Fosters CARING ADULTS who are actively involved in the lives of children and youth, including parents, teachers, mentors, coaches and neighbors. These adults will be supported with the resources, skills, and the economic security necessary to raise and nurture successful children;
- Provides SAFE PLACES that exist for youth in their homes, neighborhoods, and schools that are physically and emotionally safe, free from youth/gang violence, racial discrimination, hate, and that offer constructive use of time in interesting and relevant ways;
- Ensures a HEALTHY START that meets the basic needs of children and youth. This will require investing in prevention approaches to ensure the healthy development of children and youth both physically and mentally, beginning with prenatal care and continuing through young adulthood. This also includes ensuring affordable housing, economic security and access to health care for all children, youth and their families;
- Ensures an EFFECTIVE EDUCATION and 21st century skills, making certain that in-school and out-of-school learning experiences result in all children and youth graduating from high school with the skills and competencies necessary to be successful in post secondary education and work in the 21st Century economy;
- Provides opportunities for children and youth to PARTICIPATE AND BE INVOLVED IN THE COMMUNITY. All children and youth should have the resources to make a difference through civic engagement and have the opportunity, knowledge and skills to positively impact their families and communities through belonging, input, leadership and service.

Furthermore, we believe that adequate resources and a high quality human services workforce are critical for children and youth serving organizations to deliver effective services for children, youth and families, and that it is imperative to monitor and routinely report on community-wide asset and risk indicators of childhood health and well being.

By signing below, the City of Sacramento, within our sphere of influence, subscribe to the goal of all children and youth ready for college, work and life by the age of 21 and support the commitments to children, youth and their families in this compact.

Signature: _____

Title: _____

Organization: _____

Date: _____

Opportunities for Partnership

The Ready by 21 and Yes to Youth Coalitions requests that the City of Sacramento:

Sign and officially adopt the Regional Compact for children and youth developed by the Ready By 21 Coalition, the Office of Youth Development, the County Office of Education and the County Children's Coalition.

By signing the Compact, the Council affirms that it will subscribe to the goal of ensuring that all children and youth are ready for college, work and life by the age of 21. The city will enhance *systems and structures* to support the healthy development of children and youth and invest in those assets that we know lead to healthy development (as noted by the commitments below).

Below are the six tenets of the compact and suggestions on steps the Council could take to follow each principle

1. Compact Principle One: Invest in Children and Youth
 - a. Conduct a council budget workshop where staff presents an analysis of how the budget supports youth development, prevention and intervention and crisis services
 - b. Make a commitment to not cut existing prevention programs during tight budget times to a greater degree than other city services
 - c. For any projects funded by the city, have the projects assess how well they address the six commitments from the compact
 - d. Create an annual report that measures how well the city supports the six commitments from the compact
2. Compact Principle Two: Foster Caring Adults
 - a. Seek meaningful ways to increase mentorship programs and or youth/adult participation in these programs
 - b. Implement programs that enable a greater number of foster children and youth to relocate to their families and with permanent connections
 - c. Conduct city-wide trainings for parents, family members, and youth service providers in child and youth development and the other skills necessary to provide safe and nurturing environments
 - d. Encourage local businesses and employers to provide time off for parents to work in the schools or attend to child and youth needs
3. Compact Principle Three: Provide Safe Places
 - a. Schools stay open longer as community centers in partnership with parks and recreation districts and other community providers
 - b. Creation of safe, diverse and interesting places for youth to go after school and on the weekends (including after school clubs, teen centers), that are accessible to their neighborhood
 - c. Provide safe accessible places for youth in crisis to go to
4. Compact Principle Four: Ensure a Healthy Start
 - a. Improve access to affordable health care and housing for children and families at their school or in their neighborhoods
 - b. Provide health and healthy food information at check out stands in grocery stores, expanded health education on proper nutrition and how to be physically and emotionally well
 - c. Expand information on mental health issues, stigma and where to get services

5. Compact Principle Five: Ensure an Effective Education and development of 21st century skills

- a. Increase in the number of students graduating high school eligible to apply for CSU/UC
- b. Encourage employers to offer job opportunities for youth
- c. Provide volunteer internships for teens in all city departments
- d. Strengthen the connection between city and school districts to combat drop-out rate i.e. volunteer/internship programs, use of school facilities for special projects)
- e. Ensure sufficient training is available for youth who want to be leaders

6. Compact Principle Six: Participate and be Involved in the Community

- a. Appoint voting youth members to all city boards and commissions
- b. Provide neighborhood based youth corps and youth forums
- c. Help organize a region wide service day in April (national youth service day) for teen throughout the region
- d. Increase the youth commission budget to support more training for commissioners, support for youth forums and focus groups, youth commission projects, and commission determined mini-grants to neighborhood youth development projects

RESOLUTION NO.

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

CAPITOL REGION COMPACT FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

BACKGROUND

- A. The City has launched a number of efforts to engage and created leadership opportunities for its youth.
- B. The Capitol Region Ready by 21 Coalition is committed to the goal that all Sacramento area children and youth are ready for college, work and life by the age of 21.
- C. The Yes to Youth Coalition is a partnership of the Capitol Region Ready by 21 Coalition and Sacramento ACT, City and County agencies, non-profits, local businesses, local school districts, youth, and concerned citizens.
- D. The Ready by 21 and Yes to Youth coalitions requests the City take its commitment to youth a step further by formally adopting the Regional Compact for Children and Youth as its guiding philosophy for youth development.
- E. The purpose of the Regional Compact will be to align policies and enhance systems and structures to support the healthy development of children and youth.

BASED ON THE FACTS SET FORTH IN THE BACKGROUND, THE CITY COUNCIL RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

- Section 1. The City Manager or designee is hereby authorized to sign a Capitol Region Compact for Children and Youth on behalf of the City.