



REPORT TO COUNCIL

City of Sacramento

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STAFF REPORT
May 23, 2006

Honorable Mayor and
Members of the City Council

Subject: Recommendations from the Mayor's Commission on Sacramento Youth
Related to Universal Pre-School

Location/Council District: Citywide

Recommendation: Staff recommend that the Mayor and City Council review and comment on the Commission proposal. This report transmits to the Mayor and City Council the recommendations of the Mayor's Commission on Sacramento Youth related to Universal Pre-School.

Contact: Alan Boyd, Recreation Superintendent, 808-6077

Presenter: Jay Schenirer, Chairperson, Mayor's Commission on Sacramento Youth

Department: Parks and Recreation

Division: Recreation

Organization: 4724

Summary:

This report transmits to the Mayor and City Council the recommendations of the Mayor's Commission on Sacramento Youth related to Universal Pre-School.

Committee/Commission Action:

The Mayor's Commission on Sacramento Youth developed and approved the recommendations for Universal Pre-School.

Background Information:

In Fall 2005, the Mayor appointed a Commission on Sacramento Youth to recommend appropriate policies and actions the City can undertake to make Sacramento a youth-friendly city (Commission Members are listed in Attachment A).

The first topic undertaken by the Commission was to propose how pre-school aged children in Sacramento could have access to exceptional quality pre-school programs. Based on presentations made by professionals in the pre-school and child care field, consumers and advocates, the Commission identified a number of recommendations/actions the City can undertake to support planning and implementation efforts to maximize the opportunity to serve all of our pre-school children. Attachment B outlines those various recommendations and actions.

Financial Considerations:

There are no additional financial considerations with this report. The City Council approved on November 22, 2005 financial support for the work of the commission. Lead staff support is being provided by existing City staff.

Environmental Considerations:

There are no environmental considerations with this report.

Policy Considerations:

The responsibilities and recommendations of the Mayor's Commission on Sacramento Youth are consistent with the City's strategic plan to achieve sustainability and livability within the community.

Emerging Small Business Development (ESBD):

There are no ESBD considerations with this report.

Respectfully Submitted by:



ROBERT G. OVERSTREET II
Director of Parks and Recreation

Recommendation Approved:

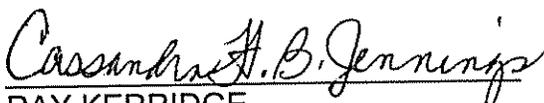

for RAY KERRIDGE
City Manager

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ATTACHMENT A

**MAYOR'S COMMISSION ON SACRAMENTO YOUTH ROSTER
2005-2006**

Heather Fargo	Mayor, City of Sacramento
Jay Schenirer, Chairperson	Educational Consultant
Lin Batten	Executive Director, First 5 Sacramento
Ruth Blank	CEO, Sacramento Region Comm. Foundation
Noelle Dyer	Chair, City of Sacramento Youth Commission
Dave Gordon	Superintendent, Sacramento County Board of Education
Brice Harris	Chancellor, Los Rios Community College District
Barbara A. Hayes	Executive Director, Sacramento Area Commerce and Trade Organization
Collette Johnson-Schulke	Director. Government Relations Sutter Health
Vincene Jones	Chief of Staff, Office of Mayor Heather Fargo
Dexter McNamara	Executive Director, Interfaith Service Bureau
Dorothy Meehan	Vice President, Sierra Health Foundation
Albert Najera	Chief of Police, Sacramento Police Department
Robert Overstreet	Director, Department of Recreation Parks and Recreation
Ralph Pettingell	Recreation Manager, Department of Parks and Recreation
Velma Sykes	President/CEO, Sacramento Black Chamber of Commerce
Rev. Charles Warner	President, ACT, Christ Temple Apostolic Church

ATTACHMENT B

**UNIVERSAL PRE-SCHOOL
POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS
from the Mayor's Commission on Sacramento Youth**

The Mayor's Commission on Sacramento Youth is pleased to submit various policy recommendations to the Mayor and City Council for consideration and implementation. They reflect the consensus of the Commission and are subject to the review and appropriate action by the Mayor and City Council.

The recommendations are in response to the question: "What can the City do to support Universal Pre -School in Sacramento?" and are based on recognition of the enormous need in this community for pre-school programs; on the educational and social benefits that accrue to children enrolled in pre-school and on the need for a comprehensive outreach program not only for program participants but for a workforce that is culturally and linguistically appropriate for the various populations served.

ADVOCACY

1. The Mayor and City Council should adopt a resolution stating the city's intent to support Universal Pre-School generally and support efforts of the County Office of Education (COE), First 5 Commission and local school districts to implement Universal Pre-School;
2. The Mayor and City Council should be involved with Preschool California's Leadership Council, a statewide coalition to promote and implement pre-school;
3. The Mayor and City Council should adopt a resolution supporting Proposition 82 – The Pre-School-For-All Initiative.
4. The Mayor and City Council should direct the City's lobbyist to work with Preschool California and other stakeholders on state policy and legislative advocacy for Universal Pre-School;
5. Encourage City staff to participate on the County Office of Education's Pre-School Implementation Task Force;

MARKETING/OUTREACH

1. The City should organize and sponsor a public forum on Proposition 82 - The Pre-School -For-All Initiative.

2. The City should use its communications tools (city mailings, utility bills, city website, etc.) for outreach activities to educate the public about the value and opportunities associated with preschool;
3. The City should work with the hospital systems to ensure that all new parents have appropriate preschool information;
4. The City should facilitate, in partnership with other organizations “How-To” workshops for potential preschool operators;
5. The City should develop and implement appropriate outreach strategies for immigrant and non-English speaking communities and families;
6. The City should work with Faith Based Organizations to communicate with congregations and communities regarding Universal Pre-School;
7. The City should work with SETA one-stop centers and Cover the Kids sites as outreach and information venues;

FACILITIES

1. The City should streamline the City process for obtaining a child care license and related permits by bringing together the Development Services Department, Fire Department and appropriate county and state agencies. Create a “one-stop” application process and coordinate with similar entities in the County;
2. The City should identify CDBG and/or SHRA funding that might be available for construction and/or renovation of pre-school facilities;
3. The City should consider pre-school facilities in current and new city buildings (community centers, offices, etc.);
4. The City should utilize City and SHRA facilities for pre-schools;
5. The City should utilize SETA one-stop centers and Cover the Kids sites as outreach and information venues;
6. The Mayor and City Council should consider refunding of the City’s Community/School Partnership Initiative.
7. The City should partner with School Districts to apply for the State Joint Use Funding to construct pre-school facilities (School Education Bonds);
8. The City should Utilize the current City Resolution 87-1302 to facilitate the development of pre-school facilities in projects funded in part with City or SHRA funds (Attachment as B-1);

WORK FORCE DEVELOPMENT

1. The City should support the 1st Five Sacramento Commission's Comprehensive Approaches for Raising Educational Standards (CARES) matching grants program for the purposes of investing in the education and retention of the early learning workforce;
2. The City, SETA & SHRA should provide facilities for training of pre-school personnel;
3. The City should promote career job opportunities in pre-school and child development;

IMPLEMENTATION

We would recommend that the Department of Parks and Recreation be the lead City entity responsible for facilitating the implementation of the recommendations with appropriate City Departments and other identified agencies.

ATTACHMENT B¹

RESOLUTION No. 87-1032

Adopted by The Sacramento City Council on date of

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**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VARIOUS RECOMMENDATIONS OF
THE LIBRARY PLAZA CHILD CARE CENTER REPORT**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SACRAMENTO:

1. That the Child Care Coordinator, together with the staffs of the City and the Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency, are hereby directed to work with the Library Plaza Group to refine the proposed financial components of the Library Plaza Child Care Center Report to establish a child care center in the Library Plaza Project.
2. That the Library Plaza Group be hereby required to contribute \$150,000 to the Child Care Revolving Fund upon obtaining the final building permits for the Office Building property.
3. That the Library Plaza Group, upon request of major tenant(s) (100,000 square feet), is hereby required to establish a child care center facility and negotiate a reasonable lease.
4. That the Child Care Coordinator is hereby directed to work with the City staff to establish a Child Care Revolving Fund which could receive and distribute private and public moneys for the increased availability, accessibility, and affordability of quality child care in the City of Sacramento.
5. That the Parks and Community Services Department is hereby directed to research the feasibility of implementing a local (City, in cooperation with the County) impact fee for child care similar to the impact fees for parks (Quimby Act).
6. That all future SHRA and City public projects of 75,000 square feet or greater for office development and exceeding 100 units for multi-family residential projects are hereby required to describe the need and demand for child care services as generated by the proposed project and indicate any proposed plans for providing such services in conjunction with the subject project. In addition, it is hereby required that any SHRA redevelopment projects or City public projects comply with any future Child Care Ordinance as may be adopted by the City Council. Finally, it is hereby required that specifications for child care

provisions be included in all RFPs/RFQs for future development sites and required that SHRA staff include on-site child care centers in all future development site negotiations.



MAYOR

ATTEST:



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