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RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 313046

DATE OF FINAL PASSAGE MAY 21 2020

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO APPROVING THE ALLOCATION OF \$5,000,000 IN CARES ACT FEDERAL FUNDING TO PROVIDE CHILD CARE VOUCHERS FOR ESSENTIAL WORKERS AND OTHER VULNERABLE POPULATIONS AND AUTHORIZING RELATED ACTIONS TO APPROPRIATE AND EXPEND THESE FUNDS.

WHEREAS, on February 19, 2020, the County Board of Supervisors ratified a declaration of local health emergency related to a novel coronavirus, SARS-CoV-2, which causes the COVID-19 disease (COVID-19); and

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, Governor Gavin Newsom (Governor) proclaimed a State of Emergency to exist in California as a result of the threat of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, Mayor Kevin Faulconer (Mayor) proclaimed the existence of a local emergency in the City of San Diego (City) as a result of COVID-19, which was ratified by the Council of the City of San Diego (Council) on March 17, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2020, the Governor issued Executive Order N-33-20, ordering all residents of the State of California (State) to stay home or at their places of residence in accordance with the current State public health directives, except to get food, care for a relative or friend, obtain necessary health care or go to an essential job; and

WHEREAS, on March 27, 2020, the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act was passed by the United States Congress and signed into law by President Trump to provide emergency assistance and health care response for individuals, families and businesses affected by COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the CARES Act provided \$150 billion in payments to states and local governments from its Coronavirus Relief Fund (Fund) that may only be used to cover costs that:

(1) are necessary expenditures incurred due to the public health emergency with respect to COVID-19; (2) were not accounted for in the budget most recently approved as of the date of enactment of the CARES Act; and (3) were incurred during the period from March 1, 2020 to December 20, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the City received \$248 million (Assistance Money) from the Fund;

WHEREAS, on April 4, 2020, the Governor issued Executive Order N-45-20, ensuring the continuity of funding for state-subsidized child care providers impacted by the emergency related to COVID-19 and declaring child care essential for working and low-income families; and

WHEREAS, on April 7, 2020, the Governor issued Executive Order N-47-20, providing further guidance temporarily prioritizing child care enrollment for children of essential critical infrastructure workers, including healthcare workers, emergency response personnel, key governmental staff, law enforcement, food and agriculture workers (including grocery workers), and education and care providers; and

WHEREAS, the City recognizes that essential workers and vulnerable populations have been adversely impacted by child care facility closures due to COVID-19, creating an increased need for child care for families who may not have previously needed child care or who may now require additional hours of child care, as well as an increased need for child care for children at risk of abuse and neglect; and

WHEREAS, the expenditure of any portion of the City's Assistance Money between now and December 20, 2020 on programs that provide child care to essential workers and vulnerable populations are necessary expenditures incurred due to the public health emergency with respect to COVID-19 that were not accounted for in the City's Fiscal Year 2020 budget; and

WHEREAS, it is in the public interest to promote economic stability and fairness for essential employees abating the emergency due to COVID-19 and provide security for vulnerable populations during the continued emergency; and

WHEREAS, the California Alternative Payment Program (CAPP), which is typically administered by the California Department of Education (CDE) and the California Department of Social Services (CDSS), provides full or partial subsidies to pay for child care in a location of the parent's choice while the parent works, trains, or seeks employment; and

WHEREAS, under the CAPP, essential employees who are eligible to receive child care assistance include healthcare workers, first responders, emergency medical services personnel, and grocery store staff, and child care providers are also eligible for relief; and

WHEREAS, on May 8, 2020, the Mayor proposed that \$5 million of the City's

Assistance Money be allocated to provide child care vouchers for essential workers and
vulnerable populations eligible under the CAPP, matching the \$5 million the County Board of
Supervisors approved on May 5, 2020 contingent upon the matching contribution by the City,
and

WHEREAS, to implement its \$5 million contribution of Assistance Money, the City will need to negotiate and enter into a nonprofit agreement with the YMCA Childcare Resource

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Service and Child Development Associates (YMCA/CDA) or other nonprofit organization, using

CDE program guidelines; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of San Diego as follows:

1. The Chief Financial Officer is authorized to appropriate and expend \$5,000,000

of the City's Assistance Money for the purpose of preventing, preparing for, and responding to

the COVID-19 emergency.

The Chief Financial Officer is authorized to allocate the \$5,000,000 in Assistance 2.

Money to provide child care vouchers for eligible essential workers and vulnerable populations

during the COVID-19 emergency.

3. The Mayor, or designee, is authorized to negotiate and enter into a nonprofit

agreement with the YMCA/CDA or other nonprofit organization to administer emergency child

care vouchers using general CDE guidelines, execute any and all documents, and take all other

actions necessary or appropriate to implement this Resolution.

APPROVED: MARA W. ELLIOTT, City Attorney

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	By /s/ Matthew R. Hilario Deputy City Clerk
Approved: 5/31/2020	KEVIN L. FAULCONER, Mayor
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