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To whom it may concern,

Please see the attached letter of support from Santa Clara County Supervisor Sylvia Arenas for the 4/9 City Council Item 7.1 Children and Youth Services Master Plan for the public record. Thank you.

Best,

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Supervisor Sylvia Arenas, District 1

April 9, 2024

The Honorable Matt Mahan, Mayor and
Members of the San José City Council
200 E. Santa Clara Street
San José, CA 95113

RE: Item 7.1 Children and Youth Services Master Plan Status Report

Dear Mayor and Honorable City Councilmembers,

I write to express my support for the Children and Youth Services Master Plan on behalf of the children and families that I proudly represent in the County of Santa Clara, District 1.

As a former San José City Councilmember, representing San Jose City Council District 8, I worked in partnership with the City Administration to create meaningful change for our children and families including my Family Friendly City Initiative legacy.

During my tenure at the City, my Family Friendly City Initiative spanned issues from paid parental leave, increasing access and securing \$10.5M in ARP funds to City services for children and youth, updating the Bill of Rights for Children and Youth, and authoring the memo directing Administration to develop a Children and Youth Masterplan to strategize and streamline City services for children and youth.

Through efforts of convening two Joint Special Meeting on Child Well-Being between the City of San José's Neighborhood Services and Education Committee and the County of Santa Clara's Children, Seniors, and Families Committee to successfully spearhead and develop a Child & Youth Services Masterplan I am beyond proud to see the Children and Youth Services Master Plan come to fruition.

Before leaving the City, I also authored a memo with Councilmembers Foley, Peralez, and Carrasco to initiate the formalization and establishment of an Office of Family Friendly Policy to uphold and fully implement San José's Bill of Rights for Children and Youth audit report recommendation and unify the City's Family Friendly Initiatives and policies to strategically align programs that serve children, youth, and families with an equity lens.

For that reason, I also urge your full consideration and support for the memo from Councilmembers Torres, Davis, Ortiz, Doan, and Foley requesting for the City Manager to draft an MBA during the FY 24-25 Budget Process to explore the creation of an Office of Children and Youth to help oversee and implement the Children and Youth Master Plan.

In Community,

Sylvia Arenas

Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors, District 1