



# County of Sonoma

## State of California

Date: August 15, 2023

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4/5 Vote Required

### **Resolution Of The Board Of Supervisors Of The County Of Sonoma, State Of California, Celebrating The Community Child Care Council of Sonoma County For 50 Amazing Years Of Supporting And Serving Children, Families And Providers In Sonoma County**

**Whereas**, The Community Child Care Council of Sonoma County (4Cs) is celebrating 50 years of service and has played a vital role in improving the quality and availability of child care in Sonoma County; and

**Whereas**, 4Cs was founded in 1972 as a result of the War on Poverty efforts, which recognized that quality child care was an essential component to help families out of poverty and into jobs. A nonprofit agency located in Santa Rosa, 4Cs is dedicated to the promotion and support of quality child care and early education services for children and families through advocacy, education, identification of public and private resources, and empowerment of our families; and

**Whereas**, 4Cs mission is to provide access to quality child care and early education in Sonoma County through advocacy, direct service, and empowerment. The agency's vision is for a thriving community where every child, family, and employer have access to quality child care and early education, and 4Cs values have always focused on community, inclusivity, education, advocacy, collaboration, respect, and opportunity; and

**Whereas**, as one of the 69 state-funded Child Care Resource and Referral programs in the state, and a member of the California Child Care Resource & Referral Network, in 2022 4Cs connected 10,012 families to culturally appropriate child care and early learning settings; enhanced the supply of child care by licensing 30 new family child care providers; trained, and coached 125 child care providers and early learning teachers— many of whom are women and bilingual indigenous & people of color; and supported children's health and nutrition by reimbursing family child care providers in Sonoma, Napa and Marin counties for 972,037 nutritious meals served to children; and

**Whereas**, 4Cs Early Care & Education Services offer subsidized child care and preschool services to approximately 2,500 children annually throughout the county. 4Cs is a member of both the California Alternative Payment Program Association as well as Every Child California, advocating for the programs and resources needed for our children birth to 13 years of age; and

**Whereas**, 4Cs has supported Sonoma County through the Tubbs fire with "Pop Up" Child Care opportunities, serving essential workers through the COVID Pandemic; continues to work to rebuild our child care capacity through the Child Care Initiative Project training program; and has been integral in establishing resources to fund local child care facilities and explore Employer Supported Child Care options; and

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**Whereas**, Through the past 50 years, 4Cs has provided services, education, support, and resources to Sonoma County families and has stood firm in its commitment to make our community a better place for our children and families.

**Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved**, that the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors does hereby celebrate and appreciate 4Cs for providing 50 years of service supporting and serving children, families, and providers in Sonoma County.

**Supervisors:**

Gorin:

Rabbitt:

Coursey:

Gore:

Hopkins:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Abstain:

**So Ordered.**