



# County of Sonoma

## State of California

Date: January 28, 2025

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☐ 4/5 Vote Required

### **Resolution Of The Board Of Supervisors Of The County Of Sonoma, State Of California, Establishing the Sonoma County Child Care and Children's Health Community Advisory Council**

**Whereas**, in November 2024, the voters of Sonoma County passed Measure I, an Ordinance known as the "Sonoma County Child Care and Children's Health Initiative" (the "Ordinance"), which established a countywide one-half-cent transactions and use tax ("sales tax"), known as the Sonoma County Child Care and Children's Health Tax ("Tax"), to fund (1) child care, preschool, and early childhood education for low- and middle-income children and families in Sonoma County and (2) the local children's health care safety net; and

**Whereas**, proceeds from the Tax shall be deposited into the County treasury in a special fund entitled the Sonoma County Child Care and Children's Health Fund (the "Fund"); and

**Whereas**, the Ordinance requires the Board of Supervisors to establish the Community Advisory Council ("Council") consisting of eleven appointed members to develop policy and programmatic recommendations related to the Fund; promote and facilitate transparency in the administration of the Fund, and annually review the audit of the Fund, within 45 days of the effective date of the Ordinance;

**Whereas**, the Ordinance became effective on December 20, 2024, pursuant to Elections Code section 9122; and

**Whereas**, the Ordinance requires the Council to develop policy and programmatic recommendations related to the Fund and its implementation, including but not limited to:

- (1) Recommendations to the Administering Agency about the Sonoma County Child Care and Children's Health Program Plan and Budget and Annual Expenditure Plan;
- (2) Initiatives to improve the quality and capacity-building of service providers;
- (3) Initiatives to evaluate and improve access to programs, particularly including through the use of technology to streamline referral, navigation and linkage and better integration of services; and

- (4) Strategies to enhance community engagement in the planning and implementation of services; and

**Whereas**, the Ordinance requires that the Council promote and facilitate transparency in the administration of the Fund, including opportunities for public testimony and a community engagement process with parent, providers, early care and education organizations and other stakeholders to receive input and support robust involvement on program development and implementation.

**Whereas**, the Ordinance requires the Council to annually review the audit of the Fund for the prior year;

**Whereas**, members of the Council shall be appointed within 90 days of the effective date of the Ordinance and shall serve a four-year term, with the exception of the first class of members, five of whom shall serve a two-year term as determined by lottery at the first meeting of the Council with the remainder serving a four-year term, and no member may serve on the Council for more than twelve consecutive years.

**Whereas**, the First 5 Sonoma County Commission is designated as the Administering Agency for the Tax and is required to provide staff support to the Council.

**Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved** that the Board of Supervisors hereby creates and establishes an eleven-member Council to be known as the Sonoma County Child Care and Children's Health Community Advisory Council.

**Be It Further Resolved** that the Board shall appoint the following Council members subject to the terms in the Ordinance:

- (1) Two members of the child care workforce, one of whom is a worker from an early care and education center who works in the classroom, and one of whom is a family child care provider.
- (2) Two parents and/or guardians of a child or children under the age of six (at the time of appointment to the Council) at least one of whom must have experience participating in a subsidized child care program or subsidy wait list;
- (3) One administrator and/or director of a local Child Care Resource and Referral Agency;
- (4) One administrator and/or director from an early care and education center participating in a state or federally subsidized child care program in Sonoma County; and
- (5) Five members who represent pediatric and/or perinatal health and/or mental health care systems, including but not limited to providers and

administrators representing local hospitals, federally qualified health centers, community-based organizations, County Department of Health Services and other entities.

**Be It Further Resolved**, applications for Council members shall be available through the County's Boards & Commissions website, which shall be reviewed by First 5 Sonoma County staff as staff support to the Council, who shall provide recommendations for Council appointment to the Board of Supervisors.

**Be It Further Resolved** that Council members shall be appointed no later than March 20, 2025.

**Supervisors:**

Hermosillo:

Rabbitt:

Coursey:

Gore:

Hopkins:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Abstain:

**So Ordered.**