

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MILPITAS ADOPTING THE BILL OF RIGHTS FOR THE CHILDREN AND YOUTH OF THE CITY OF MILPITAS LED BY THE SANTA CLARA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND THE SANTA CLARA COUNTY CHILDREN’S AGENDA VISION COUNCIL

WHEREAS, the Santa Clara County Children’s Agenda Vision Council is made up of leaders from multiple disciplines throughout Santa Clara County, and is leading the Children’s Agenda to achieve better outcomes for children and envisions a community where every child is safe, healthy, successful in learning, and successful in life; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Clara County Children’s Agenda Vision Council’s mission is to champion system change, have effective investment, policies and strategic partnerships that improve outcomes for children, youth and families in Santa Clara County; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Clara County Children’s Agenda Vision Council believes that all children and youth have rights to live in a just, moral and supportive society; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Clara County Children’s Agenda Vision Council embraces the diversity of our community and believes all children and youth have the same rights, regardless of their culture, race, gender or gender identity, sexual orientation, religion or disability; and all children and youth have the right to a better world than the one they inherited; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Clara County Children’s Agenda Vision Council and the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors have adopted the Bill of Rights for Children and Youth, set forth in Exhibit A attached hereto, to draw the attention of all County and local agencies, parents, guardians, and private enterprises throughout the county and to provide them guidance in their decision making in order to foster the needs and healthy development of all children, youth, and families in the County; and

WHEREAS, the City of Milpitas desires that every child and youth should have the opportunities set forth in the Bill of Rights for the Children and Youth of Santa Clara County; and

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Milpitas hereby finds, determines, and resolves as follows:

1. The City Council has considered the full record before it, which may include but is not limited to such things as the staff report, testimony by staff and the public, and other materials and evidence submitted or provided to it. Furthermore, the recitals set forth above are found to be true and correct and are incorporated herein by reference.
2. The City of Milpitas adopts the Bill of Rights for the Children and Youth in Milpitas as a guideline for all City local agencies, parents, guardians, communities, and private enterprises.
3. The City of Milpitas, with the adoption of this Resolution, supports and encourages all local agencies to adopt, publicize, and facilitate the Bill of Rights for Children and Youth into programs and activities for the benefit of our youth.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, by the following vote:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSENT:
ABSTAIN:

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Mary Lavelle, City Clerk

Robert Livengood, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Michael J. Ogaz, City Attorney

EXHIBIT A

The Bill of Rights for Children and Youth of Santa Clara County:

We resolve to support all children and youth so that:

- A healthy mind, body and spirit that enables them to maximize their potential.
- Develop a healthy attachment to a parent, guardian, or caregiver and an ongoing relationship with a caring and supportive adult.
- Have their essential needs met – nutritious food, shelter, clothing, health care, and accessible transportation.
- A safe and healthy environment, including homes, schools, neighborhoods and communities.
- Access to a 21st century education that promotes success in life, in future careers and a love of life-long learning.
- Training in life skills that will prepare them to live independently, be self-sufficient and contribute to their community.
- Employment opportunities with protections from unfair labor practices.
- Freedom from mistreatment, abuse and neglect.
- A voice in matters that affect them.
- A sense of hope for their future.