



**MINUTES OF THE JOINT SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE
AND COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE WITH
COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA CHILDREN, SENIORS AND FAMILIES COMMITTEE**

SAN JOSÉ, CALIFORNIA

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2023

A Special Joint Meeting of the Santa Clara County, Children, Seniors, and Families Committee, Board Members; and the City of San Jose, Neighborhood Services and Education Committee, Committee Members was held in a hybrid format, in the Council Chambers and teleconferenced from remote locations. The meeting was called to order at 2:02 p.m.

Present: Councilmembers - Davis, Ortiz, Doan, Torres, Candelas.

Absent: Councilmembers - All present.

Present: Board of Supervisors - Chavez, Arenas.

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City Staff: Deputy City Manager, Angel Rios Jr.; Senior Deputy City Attorney, Karin Murabito; Chief Policy Officer, Mayor’s Office, Mackenzie Mossing; and Deputy City Clerk, Yasmin Johnson.

County Staff: BHSD, Zelia Faria Costa; OSH, Hilary Armstrong; PHD, Angelica Diaz; PHD, Charisse Feldman; PHD, Telina Barrientos; DFCS, Wendy Kinnear; Probation Deputy Director, Mariel Caballero; and Division Director *SLS and Early Psychosis Services Division*, Catherine Aspiras

b.) Public Comment on Items Not on the Agenda

Supervisor Cindy Chavez explained the public comment process for the remainder of the meeting.

Public Comment: None provided.

c.) Approve Agenda and Changes to the Committee Agenda

None provided.

d.) Presentation from the County of Santa Clara, Office of Children and Families Policy

County Presenters: Sarah Duffy, Chief Children's Officer, County of Santa Clara, Office of Children and Families Policy; Mariel Caballero Deputy Director, Probation Department; Damien Wright, Director, Department of Family and Children Services; and Rocio Luna, Deputy County Executive offered the presentation and responded to questions.

City Presenters: Laura Buzo, Assistant to the City Manager, City Manager's Office; Maria De Leon, Deputy Director, Recreation Division, Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services; and Vidya Kilambi, Division Manager, Education and Learning Pathways, San José Public Library offered the presentation and responded to questions.

e.) Presentation from the City of San José, Office of the City Manager on the City of San José Children and Youth Services Master Plan

None provided.

f.) Joint Presentation from County of Santa Clara and City of San José on System of Care

None provided.

g.) Presentation from the City of San José and County of Santa Clara on Blue Zones

Councilmember Dev Davis offered an overview and the importance of Blue Zones.

Margaret Brown, Blue Zones, Community Advocate for measurable, sustainable community well-being transformations offered the presentation (*Virtually on Zoom*) and responded to questions.

h.) Public Comment

Public Comment: Jeremy Barousse, Veronica Goei (Grail Family Services/SSPC Collaborative), Francisco Frank Valenzuela, Elizabeth Quezada (SOMOS Mayfair), Jessica Trejo (SOMOS Mayfair), Janelle Garcia (SOMOS Mayfair), Jessica Montezuma (SOMOS Mayfair), Danery Cervantes, Esperanza Alejandrez (SOMOS Mayfair/ Jovenes Activos), Maria Alejandrez (Jovenes Activos/ SOMOS Mayfair), Dilza Gonzalez, Glenn R. (East Side UHSD), Wendi Mahaney-Gurahoo (CSJ Library Education Commission), Josue Maruffo, Claudia Coello, Blair Beekman, Richard Coria, Maria Martinez, Nayeli Sedano (SOMOS Mayfair), and Kimberly Alvarez provided public testimony regarding the presentations.

i.) Discussion and Next Steps

Councilmember Sylvia Arenas requested support from City Colleagues regarding the integration of pathways for Youth voices to be heard not only in the Strategic Plan , but in the City of San José’s Children and Youth Services Master Plan.

Councilmember Sylvia Arenas spoke to the Family Friendly Initiative and requested that the City Colleagues continue to protect children and families by continuing to invest in the initiative.

Councilmember Omar Torres inquired if the (NSE) Committee could request a Manger’s Budget Addenda (MBA) for the next budget cycle to create a line item regarding Youth investments and/or developments. Angel Rios, Deputy City Manager stated that a motion could not be made due to how the Item was agendized, but the Committee could advise City Staff.

Councilmember Dev Davis advised City Staff to have a cost to implement the Workplan to phase it out or in regarding the pilot and demonstration sites.

Supervisor Cindy Chavez requested to review the drafted City of San José’s Children and Youth Services Master Plan far enough in advance so that the City Staff could prepare two or three of its most important questions regarding feedback from the Policy makers.

Supervisor Cindy Chaves requested clarity of the alignment for collective impact mentioned in slide twenty-two of the presentation.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Dev Davis and Supervisor Cindy Chavez adjourned the Special Joint Meeting at 4:47 p.m.

Minutes Recorded, Prepared and Respectfully Submitted by,

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Yasmin Johnson
Deputy City Clerk, City of San José

Approved at Council on:

Attest By:

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City Clerk, City of San
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