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CAPITAL OF SILICON VALLEY

Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND
CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Toni J. Taber, CMC
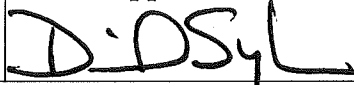City Clerk

SUBJECT: SEE BELOW

DATE: October 5, 2017

SUBJECT: **AB 597 (STONE). CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT: INFORMATION: COMPUTERIZED DATABASE SYSTEM.**

RECOMMENDATION: As recommended by the Rules and Open Government Committee on October 4, 2017, pursuant to the City's streamlined bill process for responding quickly to legislative proposals, re-affirm a position of support of AB 597, so that the City's legislative representative can continue to advocate the City's position of support for AB 597.

EXPEDITED CITY COUNCIL ACTION REQUEST

Department(s):	Date:	Coordination:	Dept. Approval:
CMO	09/26/2017	City Attorney's Office	/s/ Betsy Shotwell
			CMO Approval:

SUBJECT: AB 597. (Stone). Child abuse and neglect: information: computerized database system

RECOMMENDED POSITION: Support

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

1. Pursuant to the City's streamlined bill process for responding quickly to legislative proposals, re-affirm a position in support of AB 597.

2. Recommend that this item be placed on the October 17, 2017 City Council agenda so that the City's legislative representative can continue to advocate the City's position of support for AB 597.

BILL SYNOPSIS:

AB 597 would authorize the counties of Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, and San Mateo to jointly establish a computerized database for use by the public schools and agencies in the three counties that participate in the Silicon Valley Regional Data Trust (SVRDT) -- the schools and agencies that seek to share specified identifying information about families at risk for child abuse or neglect. The sharing of this data by SVRDT partners will help integrate services to the region's most at-risk youth and families, and could furthermore serve as a statewide model.

AB 597 requires that any personally identifiable data shared for research purposes remain confidential; that participating counties develop a confidentiality protocol; and that the database be decommissioned in the event that the statewide child welfare information system become capable of sharing identifying information about families at risk for child abuse or neglect.

AB 597 would amend the state code to enable the three counties participating in the Silicon Valley Regional Data Trust to share data across the three counties. This will enable public schools and health and human service agencies to coordinate services between counties. (SVRDT letter of sponsorship attached).

IMPACTS TO CITY OF SAN JOSE:

AB 597 would enable public schools in Santa Clara County to participate in a program which would assist our schools in helping those children at risk for child abuse or neglect. It would help contribute towards a safer city and protect those most at risk, our children.

POLICY ALIGNMENT:

This recommendation to support AB 597 aligns with the Council adopted 2017 Legislative Guiding Principles concerning that "Support Efforts to Keep San José Safe by increasing the resources which address individuals impacted by domestic violence through prevention, education and intervention programs".

SUPPORTERS/OPPONENTS:

Support: Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors, Silicon Valley Regional Data Trust (sponsor).

Opposition: California Right to Life Committee, Inc.

STATUS OF BILL:

AB 597 was presented to the Governor for his approval or veto on September 20, 2017.

FOR QUESTIONS CONTACT: Betsy Shotwell, Intergovernmental Relations (408) 535-8270

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4 May 2017

The Honorable Mark Stone
Member of the Assembly
State Capital, Room 5155
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Assembly Bill 597 (Stone)

Dear Assembly Member Stone:

The Silcon Valley Regional Data Trust is pleased to sponsor AB 597 (Stone). AB 597 will amend state code to enable public schools and agencies in the 3 counties that participate in the Silicon Valley Regional Data Trust (SVRDT)—San Mateo, Santa Clara, and Santa Cruz—to share data across these 3 counties in order to provide better integrated services to the region's most at-risk youth and families and could serve as a statewide model.

SVRDT's mission is to provide a secure information-sharing environment, which stimulates change in the culture and practice of how data is used by education, health, and human services, in collaboration with researchers and the private sector to develop actionable and impactful solutions to critical educational, health, and social problems.

SVRDT is a partnership between the county offices of education and health and human service agencies of San Mateo, Santa Clara and Santa Cruz Counties and the University of California, Santa Cruz. It will link data from schools and health and human service agencies that serve the region's children and families. Supported by a grant from the Chan Zuckerberg Initiative, SVRDT is developing governance, legal and technical infrastructures that will insure the security and privacy of data in accordance with local, state and federal regulations. Public schools and health and human service agencies will collaborate with university researchers to maintain ethcial standards of data access and use and to analyze data to answer questions crucial to providing efficient, effective and coordinated services.

AB 597 will amend state code to enable the 3 counties participating in SVRDT to share data across the 3 counties. This will enable public schools and health and human service agencies to coordinate services between counties. This is of great importance because children and families at greatest risk of negative education, health, and social outcomes often change residences, moving from city to city and county to county. If data can be shared across counties, schools and health and human service agencies will be better able to provide smooth transitions in the provision of services.

Sincerely,

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