



LEADERSHIP & IMPACT COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

On September 16, 2021, the Governor signed AB 361, which amended certain provisions of the Ralph M. Brown Act (Government Code section 54950, *et seq.*) to allow for local agency legislative bodies to conduct their meetings remotely either telephonically or by other electronic means under specified circumstances. Thus, pursuant to Government Code section 54953(e), the San Mateo County Child Care Partnership Council Leadership and Impact Committee meeting will be conducted via remote conferencing.

Monday, June 13, 2022, 2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Website Link:

<https://smcoe.zoom.us/j/95124297030?pwd=OW5vQ1hWNVNLR2VDZ0hQdkg3VENKOT09>

Meeting ID: 951 2429 7030

Passcode: 015198

Call to Order	Michelle Blakely
Adopt a resolution finding that, as a result of continuing COVID-19 pandemic state of emergency, meeting in person for the Child Care Partnership Council’s Leadership and Impact Committee would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees <i>ATTACHMENTS 1A AND 1B</i>	Michelle Blakely <i>ACTION ITEM</i>
Approval of June 13, 2022 Leadership and Impact Committee Meeting Agenda and Meeting Minutes for March 14, 2022 <i>ATTACHMENT 2</i>	Michelle Blakely <i>ACTION ITEM</i>
Item #1: Leadership and Impact Committee Updates and Check-in	Michelle Blakely
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Adjournment	Michelle Blakely

*The next Leadership and Impact Committee meeting is
Monday, September 12 2022: 2:00 to 3:30 p.m.*

Date: June 13, 2022

To: San Mateo County Child Care Partnership Council's Leadership and Impact Committee

From: Sarah Kinahan, CCPC Coordinator

Subject: Resolution to make findings allowing continued remote meetings under Brown Act

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a resolution finding that, as a result of the continuing COVID-19 pandemic state of emergency declared by Governor Newsom, meeting in person for the San Mateo County Child Care Partnership Council's Leadership and Impact Committee would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees.

BACKGROUND:

On June 11, 2021, Governor Newsom issued Executive Order N-08-21, which rescinded his prior Executive Order N-29-20 and set a date of October 1, 2021 for public agencies to transition back to public meetings held in full compliance with the Brown Act. The original Executive Order provided that all provisions of the Brown Act that required the physical presence of members or other personnel as a condition of participation or as a quorum for a public meeting were waived for public health reasons. If these waivers had fully sunset on October 1, 2021, legislative bodies subject to the Brown Act would have to contend with a sudden return to full compliance with in-person meeting requirements as they existed prior to March 2020, including the requirement for full physical public access to all teleconference locations from which board members were participating.

On September 16, 2021, the Governor signed AB 361, a bill that formalizes and modifies the teleconference procedures implemented by California public agencies in response to the Governor's Executive Orders addressing Brown Act compliance during shelter-in-place periods. AB 361 allows a legislative body to continue to use teleconferencing under the same basic rules as provided in the Executive Orders when certain circumstances occur or when certain findings have been made and adopted by the legislative body.

AB 361 provides that Brown Act legislative bodies must return to in-person meetings on October 1, 2021, unless they choose to continue with fully teleconferenced meetings because a specific declaration of a state or local health emergency is appropriately made. AB 361 allows legislative bodies to continue to conduct virtual meetings as long as there is a gubernatorially-proclaimed public emergency in combination with (1) local health official recommendations for social distancing or (2) adopted findings that meeting in person would present an imminent risk to health or safety of attendees. AB 361 became effective on October 1, 2021 and will sunset on January 1, 2024.

AB 361 also requires that, if the state of emergency remains active for more than 30 days, the legislative body must make findings by majority vote every 30 days to continue using the bill's exemption to the Brown Act teleconferencing rules. The findings demonstrate the need for teleconferencing persists due to the nature of the ongoing public health emergency. Effectively, this means that legislative bodies must either agendaize a Brown Act meeting once every thirty days to make these findings, or, if a legislative body has not made such findings within the prior 30 days, the legislative body must re-adopt the initial findings if it wishes to conduct a remote meeting.

DISCUSSION:

The COVID-19 transmission rates are higher this month than they were on November 15, 2021 when the San Mateo County Child Care Partnership Council adopted a resolution first invoking the provisions of AB 361. The state of emergency caused by the spread of COVID-19 continues to directly impact the ability of members of the San Mateo County Child Care Partnership Council's Leadership and Impact Committee to meet safely in person; and conducting in-person meetings at the present time would present an imminent risk to the health and safety of attendees. A resolution to that effect and directing staff to take such other necessary or appropriate actions to implement the intent and purposes of the resolution, is attached hereto.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None

RESOLUTION FINDING THAT, AS A RESULT OF THE CONTINUING COVID-19 PANDEMIC STATE OF EMERGENCY DECLARED BY GOVERNOR NEWSOM, MEETING IN PERSON FOR THE SAN MATEO COUNTY CHILD CARE PARTNERSHIP COUNCIL'S LEADERSHIP AND IMPACT COMMITTEE WOULD PRESENT IMMINENT RISKS TO THE HEALTH OR SAFETY OF ATTENDEES

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, pursuant to Government Code section 8550, et seq., Governor Newsom proclaimed a state of emergency related to the COVID-19 novel coronavirus, and subsequently, the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors ("Board") declared a local emergency related to COVID-19, and the proclamation by the Governor remains in effect;

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020, Governor Newsom issued Executive Order N- 29-20, which suspended certain provisions in the California Open Meeting law, Government Code section 54950, et seq. (the "Brown Act"), related to teleconferencing by legislative bodies, provided certain requirements were met and followed; and

WHEREAS, on June 11, 2021, the Governor issued Executive Order N-08-21, which extended provisions of Executive Order N-29-20 that waive otherwise-applicable Brown Act requirements related to remote/teleconference meetings by legislative bodies through September 30, 2021; and

WHEREAS, on September 16, 2021, Governor Newsom signed AB 361 into law, and AB 361 provides that a legislative body subject to the Brown Act may continue to meet without complying with the otherwise-applicable requirements in the Brown Act related to remote/teleconference meetings by legislative bodies, provided that a state of emergency has been declared and the legislative body determines that meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees, and provided that the legislative body makes such finding at least every thirty (30) days during the term of the declared state of emergency; and bodies, provided that a state of emergency has been declared and the legislative body determines that meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees, and provided that the legislative body makes such finding at least every thirty (30) days during the term of the declared state of emergency; and

WHEREAS, on September 28, 2021, in the interest of public health and safety, as affected by the state of emergency caused by the spread of COVID-19, the Board issued a finding that meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of

attendees, and decided to invoke the provisions of AB 361 related to teleconferencing for meetings of the Board; and

WHEREAS, the San Mateo County Child Care Partnership Council's Leadership and Impact Committee has an important governmental interest in protecting the health, safety and welfare of those who participate in its meetings; and

WHEREAS, in the interest of public health and safety, as affected by the emergency caused by the spread of COVID-19, the San Mateo County Child Care Partnership Council's Leadership and Impact Committee finds that meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees, and the San Mateo County Child Care Partnership Council's Leadership and Impact Committee will therefore invoke the provisions of AB 361 related to teleconferencing for meetings of the San Mateo County Child Care Partnership Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY DETERMINED AND ORDERED that

1. The recitals set forth above are true and correct.
2. The San Mateo County Child Care Partnership Council's Leadership and Impact Committee finds that meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees.
3. Staff is directed to take such other necessary or appropriate actions to implement the intent and purposes of this resolution.

San Mateo County Child Care Partnership Council
Leadership and Impact Committee
Meeting Minutes
Monday, March 14, 2022
Virtual Meeting via Zoom

CCPC Members Present: Karen Alden, Michelle Blakely, Julie Cates, Heather Cleary, David Fleishman, Heather Hopkins, Jennifer Pifeleti, Liz Scully, Tal Tamir, Christine Thorsteinson, Guillermo Vasquez

Members of the Public: Kristen Anderson, Diana Harlick, Randy Torrijos

Staff/Minutes: Sarah Kinahan

1. Call to Order

Michelle Blakely called the meeting to order at 2:02 pm.

2. Action to adopt a resolution finding that, as a result of continuing COVID-19 pandemic state of emergency, meeting in person for the Child Care Partnership Council’s Leadership and Impact Committee would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees (Attachments #1A and #1B)

- Moved by: Julie Cates Seconded by: Heather Hopkins
- Vote: All voted in favor

3. Approval of Leadership-Impact Committee Meeting Minutes from January 20, 2022, and Agenda for March 14, 2022 Meeting

- Moved by: Christine Thorsteinson Seconded by: Julie Cates
- Vote: All voted in favor

4. Leadership and Impact Committee Updates and Check-in (Michelle Blakely)

- Julie - this Friday is the annual Children’s Summit from 9am-1pm. Christine has tickets that she can share with CCPC members.
- Christine - the Choose Children Campaign is now active heading into 2022 elections. Among the races they are tracking are the races for San Mateo County Board of Supervisors District 2 and 3. They will also be doing some polling related to children’s issues.
- Michelle - the Rainbow Kids project that Community Equity Collaborative is launching with support from First 5.
- Liz - the San Mateo County Family Child Care Association had thirty providers attend their first meeting. They also have eighty providers following their Facebook page. The SMCFCCA will partner with San Francisco’s association to present at the national FCC conference which will be in Burlingame in June.
- Christine - SVCF had a forum last week centered on equity in UPK planning. They have two more UPK forums planned.
- David - 4Cs has distributed the last of the PPE supplies.

5. Review Legislation Tracker (Sarah Kinahan)

Sarah walked the group through a discussion of the bills listed on the [CCPC 2021-22 Legislation Tracker](#). The committee's feedback was added to the tracker. It was recommended that the Committee schedule an April meeting to finalize support positions. Michelle offered to share the First 5 Association's notes on the status of the state budget.

6. Discuss "The Economic Impacts of Universal Infant-Toddler Care" (Sarah Kinahan)

The group reviewed the report, The Economic Impacts of Universal Infant-Toddler Care, that was recently completed for SMCOE/CCPC. The group brainstormed the following talking points that would be useful to have on hand when sharing the report:

- Relate the needs identified in the report to SMCOE's application for additional CCTR (general child care) slots.
- Talk about the types of settings that are currently serving infants (family child care, centers, nannies, family/friend/neighbor)
- Talk about current state and federal spending on babies
- Provide a short synopsis of the methodology:
 - Models both a free universal infant/toddler programs and one where parents spend up to 7% of their income.
 - Contrasts scaling up our current system, which does not adequately pay for true cost of care (average of \$21,687/infant/year), with a cost estimate that gets closer to true cost (\$37,300/infant/year).
- Clearly contrast the investments that are needed (\$220.8-\$400.8M/year to provide formal care to 8,500 infant/toddlers who are not currently in paid care) with what we would get in return \$415-\$753.4M/year in immediate increased regional activity. For every \$1 put in to ECE, we get \$1.88 in immediate economic return.
- Link to any polling results from SVCF that may be relevant.
- Have a short talking point about why investing in infant/toddler care matters (i.e. early brain development & women's workforce participation).

7. Discuss Emerging Hot Topics (Michelle Blakely)

Julie – the League of Women Voters has shared that state revenues are expected to be \$10-\$20B higher than they were projected to be in January. It is likely the state will hit the Gann spending limits. Certain infrastructure spending is excluded from the limits. The committee asked for more information about how different groups are advocating for infrastructure spending and how it could support our field. Julie offered to share more information from the League of Women Voters.

The group identified two topics for future meetings: 1) CDSS's Rate & Quality Workgroup, 2) TK planning in San Mateo County.

9. Adjournment

Michelle Blakely adjourned the meeting at 3:31 pm.

CHILD CARE AND DEVELOPMENT KEY HIGHLIGHTS

Key Actions on Governor's Proposals:

- **Child Care Pandemic Response Policies.** Adopts Governor's proposals to continue actions taken during the COVID-19 pandemic to waive family fees for childcare and create hold harmless policies for the 2022-23 fiscal year
- **Child Care Infrastructure.** Adopts Governor's proposal to invest \$200 million in additional child care facilities, with amendments to allow for expenditures on new construction.

Key Legislative Additions:

- **Stabilizing Investments in the Child Care System.** Provides \$1.3 billion ongoing general fund, and \$494 million ongoing Proposition 98, for increases in rates for the child care system. Starting January 1, 2023, increases the child care reimburse rates to the 85th percentile of the regional market rate (RMR), and applies a cost of living increase to the county RMR for all provider rates. In addition rates for three year olds are increased to a higher toddler rate, and a set aside is created for provider benefits.
- **Childcare Workforce and Development Block Grant.** Provides \$120 million in one-time funding, and ongoing federal Child Care and Development Block Grant funding, for the Childcare Workforce and Development Block Grant.





June, 2022

RE: Policy recommendations for Housing Element Updates

Dear _____,

On behalf of the San Mateo County Child Care Partnership Council (CCPC), the publicly appointed, state-mandated local child care planning entity for San Mateo County, and our partner Build Up San Mateo, **we are writing to encourage your city/county to include policies that support the development of child care facilities in your updated Housing Elements.** For working families with young children, having accessible child care near their home reduces traffic and commute times, and generally improves the quality of life for these residents. Including policies that are supportive of child care in or near housing is a straightforward way for **cities** to contribute to creating sustainable communities where families with young children can thrive. Your **city/county's** Housing Elements update provides an opportunity to address the housing and child care needs of all working families, while examining the housing and child care needs of special populations, such as single-parents and female-headed households, in particular.

High-quality child care is essential to families and to vibrant economic development, yet operators of potential new child care facilities face numerous barriers to opening new programs to meet community needs. While many of the challenges for child care facilities development are similar to housing, the child care sector lacks the mandates, financing sources or expertise that exist for housing developers. One of the biggest challenges is finding a location for a child care facility. Ideally, child care facilities are located in or near housing and close to family-friendly transportation options.

Housing affordability also affects the child care sector. In our high-cost area, family child care providers, those who provide licensed child care in their homes, may struggle to afford their rent or mortgage. As older providers retire, new providers cannot afford to buy homes in our communities. Those who rent a house or apartment often face business instability. In addition, child care programs across San Mateo County are struggling to hire enough workers – the child care workforce is predominantly low-income women of color. Many are struggling with their own housing needs.

In examining Housing Elements from throughout California, we have noted that a number of cities and counties have included goals and policies that support the development of child care in or near housing. We have compiled sample policies in the attached document in hopes that **your city/county** will include a number of them in your Housing Element update.

If you have questions or would like further support for connecting child care and housing in **your city/county**, please contact us at 650-802-5647 or skinahan@smcoe.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sarah Kinahan".

Sarah Kinahan
Coordinator,
San Mateo County Child Care Partnership Council

Christine Padilla

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Director,
Build Up San Mateo County

Attachment: NAME OF DOC

Sample Housing Element Language to Support Child Care near Housing

Goals

- Promote sustainable communities through locating housing near employment, transportation, child care and other community services

Policies

- Support family housing that addresses resident needs for child care, youth services, recreation opportunities and access to transit.
- Encourage the inclusion of space for child care in new housing developments, including affordable housing developments.
- Encourage the siting and development of child care centers and family child care homes in all residential, mixed-use, and other zones where residences are permitted, for the convenience of families.
- Reduce permitting requirements or allow child care centers by right in some zones (and building types).
- Ensure that zoning code and permitting practices are consistent with [state law](#) (2019) that prohibits use permits, business licenses, etc. for Large Family Child Care Homes.
- Provide incentives for developers to provide child care facilities or services as part of new residential, commercial, and industrial developments, including but not limited to: density bonuses, increases in floor area ratios, parking reduction, community benefits credit, traffic impact fee exemption, expedited entitlements, or modifications to zoning regulations.
- Allow child care facilities to serve as traffic mitigation measures.
- Assess the demand for child care created by new housing developments.
- Work proactively with all housing developers to incorporate, where feasible, child care that serves families of all incomes and children of all ages.
- Include child care facility space as a priority or required component in Request for Proposals (RFPs) for city land and Notices of Funding Available (NOFA) for affordable housing developments
- Support inclusion of specially designed and located housing units, in multi-family projects, for licensed Family Child Care Home providers.
- Promote existing housing-related programs to Family Child Care Home providers, including but not limited to: fair housing counseling, housing rehabilitation loans, renovation/repair, first-time homebuyer and down payment assistance.
- Facilitate and encourage the development of larger rental units appropriate for families with children, including the provision of supportive services such as family child care.
- Support the provision of child care services, employment training, rental assistance, and other supportive services to enable households to be self-sufficient.
- Encourage the establishment of child care centers in appropriate locations and consider modified zoning standards and review procedures and other incentives to facilitate their development.
- Maintain the quality of life within neighborhoods by maintaining an adequate level of community facilities, such as child care centers, and municipal services.