



September 29, 2023

The Honorable Amourence Lee, Mayor
City of San Mateo
330 West 20th Avenue
San Mateo, CA 94403

Re: **Public Comment for Child Care language in General Plan draft**

Dear Mayor Lee, Deputy Mayor Diaz Nash, and Councilmembers Loraine, Newsom and Hedges,

Build Up San Mateo County, a collaborative multi-sector initiative designed to preserve, expand and improve the supply of child care facilities in San Mateo County, along with partner, **Child Care Coordinating Council (4Cs) of San Mateo County**, would like to give comment on your General Plan draft.

We're grateful for your ongoing investment and support of the unique child care sector. **Thank you for including 'child care and schools' in the definition of Public Services and Facilities Element on pg.24 and please consider the following suggested additions and changes to your General Plan draft.**

We appreciate your ongoing leadership on this important issue and stand ready to assist you to support children, families and those who care for them in the City of San Mateo. If you need further information, please don't hesitate to contact us at 650.517.1436 or by emailing cpadilla@sanmateo4cs.org.

Most gratefully,

Christine Padilla

Christine Padilla
Director, Build Up SMC
Chair, Child Care Partnership Council Access Committee

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "David", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

David Fleishman
Executive Director, 4Cs of San Mateo County

Notes on City of San Mateo's General Plan draft

Goals, pg. 16 "Support..." change term 'daycares.' To 'child care.' Child care is used in several other places

Pg. 24 Thank you for including "child care and schools" in the definition of Public Services and Facilities Element

Pg. 51 Land Use Element. Policy LU 3.5, change 'daycare facilities' to 'child care facilities.' Child care is used in several other places

Policy LU 3.5 Support Service Uses. Encourage businesses that provide a variety of services, such as restaurants, daycare facilities, medical clinics, gyms, pharmacies, and grocery stores in locations that serve residential neighborhoods and commercial/office uses. Prioritize the development of these services in equity priority communities in the city.

Actions on pg. 60 re improving Equity Priority Communities, esp. Action LU 8-10 on developing a community plan. (not enough detail to include here but maybe with other actions below?) **"Ensure that child care data is included, and facilities mapped."**

Pg. 168 Public Services and Facilities

Action PSF 6.7 Child Care and New Construction. Encourage new residential and nonresidential development to include space for child care by taking the following actions:

- a. Provide incentives for inclusion of space for a child care center, or housing units for licensed family child care providers, in a new development. (Added here or can be listed as 'd.')
- b. Promote child care to developers as an amenity favored by the city.
- c. Continue to implement the developer impact fee for funding child care facilities.
- d. Encourage housing developers to include designated units for licensed family child care home providers.

Action PSF 6.8 (new) Consider offering full-day, licensed child care at city recreation centers, to meet working families needs, or offering space for other operators to do so.

Action PSF 6.9 (new) Include child care centers in city GIS mapping to facilitate planning.

Action PSF 7.0 (new) Support existing and new licensed Family Child Care Homes with available housing-related and small business resources.