

*Before the Board of Supervisors in and for the  
County of Monterey, State of California*

**Resolution No.- 22-273**

Support and endorse the *Safe, Affordable, Quality* )  
*Child Care In Monterey County Act*” Ballot Initiative. )

**WHEREAS**, the Safe, Affordable, Quality Care Act (hereon, referred to as “Childcare Initiative” or “Initiative”) is a citizen driven initiative aimed towards improving the caliber and accessibility of affordable childcare and preschool services countywide; and,

**WHEREAS**, developed to address the serious shortage of safe, affordable, quality, childcare and access to early education in Monterey County, a local group of concerned community members gathered signatures to place the initiative on the November 2022 ballot; and,

**WHEREAS**, a total of 21,849 signatures were obtained in support of the initiative; and,

**WHEREAS**, on June 7, 2022, a petition was formally submitted to the Elections Department in support of the Childcare Initiative to provide dedicated, locally controlled funding to increase and improve licensed childcare and early learning opportunities, funded by an annual special parcel tax in the amount of forty-nine dollars (\$49) on each parcel of real property located within Monterey County, with limited exceptions, for ten (10) years; and,

**WHEREAS**, the tax measure would provide approximately \$5.5 million per year to improve childcare and early learning for Monterey County’s youngest children, their families and our community; and,

**WHEREAS**, two (2) legislative bodies consisting of a 1) Monterey County Children and Families Commission (otherwise commonly known as First 5 Monterey County), and 2) Citizens Oversight Committee would be used to advance the program plan and budget efforts; and,

**WHEREAS**, the program would be subject to annual audits by the Monterey County Auditor Controller, which would be presented to the Board of Supervisors; and,

**WHEREAS**, on July 12, 2022, the Board of Supervisors received the Registrar of Voters’ certification under Elections Code section 9118 that the Initiative received the requisite number of signatures to qualify the measure for adoption, placement on the ballot, or preparation of impact reports

**WHEREAS**, on July 26, 2022, the Board of Supervisors will approve a resolution calling for the election on the Childcare Initiative in consolidation with the November 8, 2022, Statewide General Election; and,

**WHEREAS**, it requested that the Board of Supervisors unanimously support and endorse the Childcare Initiative;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Board of Supervisors in and for the County of Monterey as follows:

1. The above recitals are true and correct.
2. The Board of Supervisors supports and endorses the “*Safe, Affordable, Quality Child Care In Monterey County Act*” Ballot Initiative.
3. The Chair of the Board of is authorized to sign an argument in favor of the Initiative on behalf of the full Board of supervisors for inclusion in the Voter Information Guide.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** on this 26<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2022, by roll call vote

AYES: Supervisors Alejo, Phillips, Lopez, Askew and Adams  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: None  
(Government Code 54953)

I, Valerie Ralph, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Monterey, State of California, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of an original order of said Board of Supervisors duly made and entered in the minutes thereof of Minute Book 82 for the meeting on July 26, 2022

Dated: August 4, 2022  
File ID: RES 22-145  
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Valerie Ralph, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
County of Monterey, State of California

  
Emmanuel H. Santos, Deputy