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RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING
A MASTER PLAN FOR CHILD CARE

WHEREAS, the City Council recently renewed its commitment to providing quality child care to working parents in Sacramento; and,

WHEREAS, it is currently estimated that there are 41,847 children in Sacramento County who need child care, and of these, only four in ten are in licensed child care; and,

WHEREAS, by the year 2000, it is expected that the need for child care will more than double with an additional 44,000 children needing care; and,

WHEREAS, not only is there an increasing demand for child care to be available to all ethnic and cultural groups, and to be affordable and accessible, but research has demonstrated that there is a reduction in absenteeism and tardiness for employees when their child care needs are adequately met; and,

WHEREAS, the provision of child care is consequently in the economic interest of local businesses and the City;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and members of the Council of the City of Sacramento, that there be a Task Force formed to evaluate child care on a city-wide basis and henceforth be called the Mayor's Task Force on Child Care; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Task Force is charged with developing specific recommendations to increase the availability, accessibility and affordability of quality child care in the private sector, the public sector and the schools, particularly through an analysis of financing mechanisms and modifications in land use and transportation planning; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the final product of the Task Force will be a report entitled, "A Master Plan for Child Care in Sacramento;" and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Planning Department is directed to return to the City Council in two weeks with specific recommendations to further develop the committee structure of the Task Force (see Attachment A) and its time line; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that each member of the Sacramento City Council will forward names of Task Force nominees to the Mayor, individuals having expertise in finance, land use and transportation planning, or child care; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor will select from the pool of nominees and the Council will ratify those individuals who will sit on the Task Force, with the goal of achieving committees representative of all segments of the community having an interest in child care; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that one staff person each from the City Finance Department, the City Planning Department, and the Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency will prepare background material and agenda, and will take the lead role in developing the summary report of the committee's recommendations; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that it is the Council's wish that Sacramento County join in this effort in order to provide consistent guidelines throughout the City and the County, and that the Mayor is asked to request that the Board of Supervisors join in the development of a City-County Master Plan for Child Care.

Attachment A

Recommended Committee Structure
for the Mayor's Task Force on Child Care

It is recommended that the Task Force be formed of three committees, each having a different focus: the private sector, the public sector, and the schools.

Each committee is charged with developing specific recommendations to increase the availability, accessibility and affordability of child care in Sacramento.

To accomplish this, it is recommended that committee work be limited to eight meetings. The first will provide an overview of child care in the Sacramento area and a review of innovative and successful child care projects being undertaken by cities throughout the state and country. Child Care Coalition of Sacramento has agreed to provide this background information.

Each committee will then devote three meetings to discussion and development of specific recommendations related to the planning process and three meetings devoted to a discussion of financing mechanisms. A final meeting will be dedicated to discussion of results and prioritizing committee recommendations.

Task Force Structure

Committees

	Public Sector	Private Sector	Schools
<u>Agenda</u>			
Planning			
Financing			