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## **San Diego City Council Adopts Groundbreaking Child and Youth Strategic Plan**

**SAN DIEGO** – The San Diego City Council proudly announces the adoption of the City's first comprehensive Child and Youth Strategic Plan, marking a significant step forward in ensuring the well-being and future success of our youngest residents. This initiative, championed by Council President Sean Elo-Rivera, Community and Neighborhood Service Chair Jennifer Campbell, Economic Development and Intergovernmental Relations Chair Raul Campillo, and Councilmember Vivian Moreno, demonstrates the city's ever-growing commitment to fostering a nurturing environment for children, youth, and families.

The adoption of the Child and Youth Strategic Plan highlights a unified vision for creating supportive and safe communities where all children and youth can thrive. This strategic plan is a result of extensive collaboration with community stakeholders, educators, healthcare providers, and families, aimed at addressing the diverse needs of San Diego's young population.

Council President Sean Elo-Rivera emphasized the importance of this initiative, stating: "**Every child in San Diego deserves to grow up with an opportunity to be happy, healthy, and prepared to reach their potential. This strategic plan, developed in partnership with the community, provides a framework to better support the holistic development of our young residents, ensuring they have the resources and opportunities to succeed.**"

"Thanks to the Child and Youth Plan that we passed today at City Council, there is a clear roadmap to better programming and more affordable childcare in a way we never have had before," said

Councilmember Raul Campillo. **“I’m proud of the progress that has been made since I championed the creation of the Office of Child and Youth Success in 2021. Quality, affordable, and accessible childcare and early childhood education are key building blocks to affordability, health, and a stronger workforce in San Diego, and I look forward to the progress that this plan brings.”**

**“Prioritizing children and youth in city governance is not just a duty, it is a commitment to shaping thriving communities and empowering future leaders,”** said Andrea O’Hara, Executive Director of the City’s Office of Child and Youth Success. **“By investing in their well-being, we can pave the way where every child has an opportunity to achieve their fullest potential. The priorities identified were developed by youth and young adults, which is the uniqueness of this plan”.**

The Child and Youth Strategic Plan outlines key priorities and actionable steps, including:

- **Enhancing Early Childhood Education** - Expanding access to high-quality early learning programs to ensure all children are prepared for school success.

- **Promoting Health and Well-Being** - Implementing initiatives to improve physical and mental health outcomes for children and youth.

- **Supporting Families** - Providing resources and services to strengthen family stability and resilience.

- **Fostering Safe and Inclusive Communities** - Creating safe environments where children and youth feel valued and included.

The San Diego City Council is committed to monitoring the progress of this strategic plan and ensuring its successful implementation through continued collaboration and community engagement.

For more information on the Child and Youth Strategic Plan and how you can get involved, please visit [www.sandiego.gov/child-youth-success](http://www.sandiego.gov/child-youth-success) or contact [AOHara@sandiego.gov](mailto:AOHara@sandiego.gov).

***Council President Elo-Rivera represents San Diego’s Ninth Council District, including communities of City Heights, College Area, El Cerrito, Kensington, Mission Valley East, Mountain View, Mt. Hope, Normal Heights, Rolando Village, Rolando Park, Stockton and Talmadge. He is the Chair of the Rules Committee and serving his third term as San Diego City Council President***

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