

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE
COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA ESTABLISHING AN AD HOC
COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
RELATING TO CHILD WELFARE SERVICES**

WHEREAS, following the tragic death of Phoenix Castro, a three-month old San José resident with untold potential that will never be realized, the Board of Supervisors (“Board”) held a Special Meeting on December 19, 2023 to ensure child welfare procedures and protocols are protecting children in need to the maximum extent possible;

WHEREAS, at the December 19, 2023 Special Meeting (Item No. 4d), the Board issued several referrals and requests for information on a range of topics related to child welfare including prevention, child protection, and interventions; and

WHEREAS, at the February 6, 2024 Board of Supervisors meeting (Item No. 23), the Board expressed its intent to create an ad hoc committee composed of Supervisor Arenas and Supervisor Chavez to more deeply discuss, review, and provide recommendations, as needed, to the full Board on a focused set of issues raised during the December 19, 2023 and February 6, 2024 Board discussions related to child welfare.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Clara, hereby establishes an advisory ad hoc committee on child welfare (“Committee”) to evaluate, analyze, and provide recommendations, as needed, to the Board of Supervisors related to the array of services currently available to support high-risk families and children; and to analyze support to families through differential response, voluntary services, and Court supervision;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Committee shall exist for a limited duration to complete its work no later than December 31, 2024, and shall establish its own meeting schedule during that time period;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Committee shall be composed of Supervisor Sylvia Arenas and Supervisor Cindy Chavez, with staff assistance from the Department of Family and Children’s Services, the Office of the County Executive, the Office of the County Counsel, and other departments as needed; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, as an ad hoc body, the Committee is not subject to the requirements of the Ralph M. Brown Act.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Clara, State of California, on _____ by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:


ABSTAIN:

SUSAN ELLENBERG, President
Board of Supervisors

Signed and certified that a copy of this document has been delivered by electronic or other means to the President, Board of Supervisors.
ATTEST:

CURTIS BOONE
Acting Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

for 

TONY LOPRESTI
County Counsel