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LET'S INCREASE THE AMOUNT OF CHILDCARE FOR WORKING FAMILIES AM 11: 11

Finding care to meet their family's needs represents a challenge for so many working parents with children ages 6 and under in San Diego.

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**The COVID-19 pandemic has only increased the ongoing challenges that childcare providers face.** The number of licensed childcare centers and family childcare homes has declined dramatically since 2019. Between 2019 and 2022, San Diego has seen a loss of an estimated 364 licensed childcare providers and 1,956 available spots.

In the San Diego region, over 74,000 children under the age of five lack access to licensed care.

A recent survey of San Diego parents conducted by the San Diego Foundation found that:

- 76% said finding affordable childcare in their area is an issue
- 70% had difficulty finding childcare that meets their expectations
- 68% said that finding childcare for a full working day is an issue

The City of San Diego has over 400 parks and over 400,000 acres of park space. With this amount of park space, combined with the amazing climate we enjoy, we should be able to offer our parks as a resource for quality childcare providers.

A comprehensive survey of City facilities found that 42 facilities within City parks are viable options to place childcare centers. Unfortunately, it is currently illegal to have childcare centers on City park land.

**Measure H would change that.**

Measure H would allow neighborhood parks to be a safe location for working families to have access to quality childcare, without any reduction of park space and **without raising taxes.**

Measure H would allow working families to not have to make the difficult choice between losing their job or taking care of their children.

That's why bipartisan leaders across the City **SUPPORT MEASURE H.**

**VOTE YES ON MEASURE H.**

Chris Cate, Councilmember  
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