



The Office of Councilmember **Raul A. Campillo**

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New Office of Child and Youth Success Adopted as part of City of San Diego's Fiscal Year 2022 Budget

SAN DIEGO — Raul A. Campillo, District 7 Councilmember and Chair of the Economic Development and Intergovernmental Relations Committee, has been a leading advocate for the creation of a new Office within the City administration: The Office of Child and Youth Success.

Funding for this Office was not included in the first draft or the May revision of Mayor Gloria's FY22 budget. However, due to the tireless advocacy of Councilmember Campillo and others, like Councilmember Sean Elo-Rivera, advocates from YouthWill, San Diego for Every Child, the YMCA Children's Resource Center, and Tootris, this hurdle has been crossed in the effort to make San Diego a more family-friendly City.

"It has been a privilege to bring this much-needed new Office into reality on behalf of San Diego families. Thank you, Mayor Gloria, for hearing the calls from the community for this and taking action. Now it's time to act and ensure that this Office serves its function and benefits those vulnerable San Diegans who need our assistance the most," Campillo said.

Sound Bite 1

"Today as we vote on this final budget, we are taking a major step in creating this Office of Child and Youth Success creating a 15-year vision come to fruition. I look forward to that process in the Economic Development and Intergovernmental Relations committee."

Soundbite 2

"San Diego greatly lacks access to quality affordable childcare and lacks access to resources for youth services. The need for an Office of Child and Youth Success existed prior to the COVID-19 pandemic. And we've only seen that need grown since March of 2020. We can and must invest more of our city's resources with children and youth in mind. And by establishing this office we are going to leverage our assets to make our city a great place to grow up and raise a family."

(Councilmember Campillo's remarks from today's City Council meeting on the Office of Child and Youth Success are attached to this email. If your media outlet recorded its own version of the City Council meeting, the discussion occurred between 2:20 and 2:25pm.)

Another champion for the Office of Child and Youth Success, Sean Elo-Rivera, Councilmember for District 9, said, “The potential of young people is limitless. I saw this during my time as a coach, as a teacher, as an organizer, and see it today as a Councilmember. Under the new leadership of this Council and Mayor, the inclusion of funding for the Office of Child and Youth Success in our budget is an investment in providing every young person a quality foundation. However, simply funding the Office isn’t enough. We must tap into the brilliance and power of San Diego’s children and youth – many of whom led the advocacy for this Office – by including them in every step of the Office’s development and implementation.”

About Councilmember Raul A. Campillo

Councilmember Raul A. Campillo proudly represents the Seventh Council District of the City of San Diego. District Seven includes the neighborhoods of Allied Gardens, Del Cerro, Grantville, Linda Vista, Mission Valley, Serra Mesa, San Carlos, and Tierrasanta. District Seven is home to the new San Diego State University Mission Valley campus, Mission Trails Regional Park and Cowles Mountain, the Mission Basilica San Diego de Alcalá, Lake Murray, the San Diego River, and Skateworld.