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San Diego Councilmember Raul Campillo Continues to Push for Affordable Childcare in the City of San Diego

Next Steps to Identify City-Owned Property to Convert into Childcare Spaces Moves Forward
with Request for Information.

SAN DIEGO — Raul A. Campillo, City of San Diego District 7 Councilmember and Chair of the Economic Development & Intergovernmental Relations Committee (ED&IR), continues his commitment to find affordable and quality childcare, and shares that the City of San Diego's Department of Real Estate and Airport Management has officially released a [Request for Information \(RFI\)](#) to work with organizations or individuals to gather information of childcare facility requirements.

"Affordable, quality childcare has declined rapidly throughout the pandemic and has yet to fully recover. Through my Chairmanship of the City Council's Economic Development and Intergovernmental Relations Committee, I requested that staff look at all City-owned properties to see which one or ones could be used or transformed into a space for childcare so that the City can be part of the solution to add more childcare slots for families," said Councilmember Campillo. "I am thrilled to see us taking this next step to bring a knowledgeable partner on board to help narrow down which spaces are suitable for a daycare."

In March 2022, the YMCA reported that 14 childcare centers and 138 family childcare providers closed due to the pandemic and haven't re-opened. This continues to increase the strain on what was already an inadequate childcare system and underscores the need for the City to issue this RFI to gather information of childcare facility requirements.

Approximately 1,100 City owned facilities were reviewed, eliminating fire stations, police stations, pump stations, operation yards, ranger stations, cemeteries, landfills, warehouses, and waste treatment facilities that would be unacceptable for a childcare facility due to functionality and safety concerns. This left a list of 72 sites, consisting of 18 libraries, 12 office buildings and 42 Parks and Recreation facilities.

"In San Diego, the demand for childcare for working families far outpaces supply. This is due to a historical lack of investment at all levels. We are proud to have the support of Councilmember Campillo and thrilled to see the City of San Diego doing its part and making strides to open up more

childcare slots for San Diego children and families," said Erin Hogeboom, Director of San Diego for Every Child. "Childcare supply comes from investments in childcare workforce and facilities. The City of San Diego identifying and championing the steps to make use of City-owned properties for childcare helps tackle part of that equation and is a huge win for our communities."

For more information on the RFI requirements, please visit Response Submittal. All responses must be submitted via PlanetBids. Respondents are required to register in the City's procurement system PlanetBids using the following link:

<https://www.sandiego.gov/purchasing/bids-contracts/vendorreg>

About Councilmember Raul A. Campillo

Councilmember Raul A. Campillo proudly represents the Seventh Council District of the City of San Diego and serves as the Chair of the Economic Development & Intergovernmental Relations Committee.

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