



Mayor Todd Gloria
Civic Center Plaza
San Diego, CA 92101

February 25, 2021

Dear Mayor Gloria,

The Human Relations Commission strongly supports the establishment of an Office of Child and Youth Success within the City of San Diego along with a budget commitment of \$350,000 to fund personnel and the development of a Master Plan for Child and Youth Success.

This expression of support comes first and foremost from our collective desire to see San Diego reach its full potential in becoming a City where all who are born, grow up, come of age, and choose to raise a family here can thrive.

We encourage you to follow the lead of other municipalities of similar size and composition which have an Office of Child and Youth Success strategically located within the Mayor's Office. This would enable the City of San Diego to leverage intergovernmental and community partnerships.

The City of San Diego provides many services and support for children, youth, and their families across its multiple departments, and has linkages to other public agencies such as school districts, and child and youth development program providers. However, these efforts would be more effective and cost-efficient with greater coordination.

The proposed office could access technical assistance from the National League of Cities and other similar organizations, while becoming more competitive for state, federal, and foundation grants to support its mission.

The need for an Office of Child and Youth Success is more important than ever as we grapple with how to support the thousands of families whose lives have been upended by the health and economic devastation of COVID.

On behalf of the Human Relations Commission, I would like to express my appreciation for your consideration of our requests. Through the proposed Office of Child and Youth Success, San Diego can make great strides to advance equity and improve the lives of families across our great city.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Shana Hazan'.

Shana Hazan
Chair, San Diego Human Relations Commission

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