

**RESOLUTION NO. CC 2025-\_\_**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LA HABRA, CALIFORNIA,  
DESIGNATING THE CITY AS AN EARLY CHILDHOOD FRIENDLY  
CITY AFFIRMING THE CITY'S DEDICATION AND PARTNERSHIP  
WITH FIRST 5 ORANGE COUNTY IN FOSTERING AN  
ENVIRONMENT WHERE EVERY CHILD CAN THRIVE AND REACH  
THEIR FULL POTENTIAL**

**WHEREAS**, early childhood development is critical to the well-being and future success of children and the community; and,

**WHEREAS**, early childhood development has become a national priority, with initiatives such as the National League of Cities' Early Learning Nation Initiative and prioritization of early learning across the country; and,

**WHEREAS**, the California Surgeon General has prioritized addressing the effects of toxic stress, particularly in the context of parenting, recognizing its profound impact on the health and development of children; and,

**WHEREAS**, all Orange County school districts, in partnership with First 5 Orange County, administer the UCLA developed Early Development Instrument (EDI), to provide population-level insights into school readiness. Orange County is the only county in the nation with full EDI implementation providing population data into young children's social, emotional, and physical development to guide planning and support; and,

**WHEREAS**, the *Orange County Conditions of Children Report*, now in its 30th year, provides an annual assessment of the well-being of children in the region. This report, a collaborative effort among the OC Health Care Agency, OC Social Services Agency, First 5 OC, and the County of Orange, highlights the progress made in areas such as health coverage and educational achievement, while also recognizing the opportunities for continued growth and support for children and families in the region.

**WHEREAS**, research consistently shows that positive parenting and caregiving during early childhood, starting from the prenatal period, are key contributors to creating a community where children can thrive physically, emotionally, socially, and intellectually; and,

**WHEREAS**, ensuring children receive wellness child visits, developmental screenings, immunizations, screenings for lead and other environmental risk factors, following evidence-based guidelines promotes lifelong health; and,

**WHEREAS**, access and connectivity to a coordinated system of resources and interventions, as early as possible, supports equitable outcomes in early childhood development. Providing families with accurate, curated resources that connect them with essential services, such as early learning programs, clinical care, and nutritional support, ensures that families are directed and linked to the right services at the right time,

**WHEREAS**, supporting young children’s growth and family economic stability through a multigenerational approach—including resources that improve parents' access to higher education and job training opportunities—strengthens the community’s well-being; and,

**WHEREAS**, workforce development in the early childhood sector, including supporting training for early childhood educators, child care, home visiting, and healthcare providers, is essential to sustaining a city committed to young children’s development and well-being.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City Council of the City of La Habra is dedicated to the following:

Commitment to Early Childhood Development: The City of La Habra hereby commits to being an Early Childhood Friendly City by prioritizing policies, programs, and practices that support healthy development and well-being reaching children and families.

Health and Well-being: The City of La Habra will promote the health and well-being of young children by supporting initiatives that provide comprehensive health services, nutrition, and safe environments.

Early Childhood Friendly City: City of La Habra supports designating the decade of 2025-2035 as an era of community focus in building an Early Childhood Friendly City so, in turn, the children of Generation Beta emerge equipped and prepared to resolve issues and assume leadership positions while generating innovative and long-term solutions for a variety of societal challenges.

Collaboration and Partnerships: The City of La Habra will foster partnerships with local educational and workforce institutions, economic development and non-profit organizations, businesses, health care providers, and community groups to coordinate efforts and leverage resources to support early childhood development.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the City of La Habra will strive to establish mechanisms to monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of early childhood initiatives and make data-driven decisions to improve services which includes, but is not limited to:

- a. Expanding access to high-quality early learning and child care programs;
- b. Promoting maternal and child health initiatives;
- c. Ensuring safe, accessible, and stimulating environments for young children;
- d. Supporting healthy environments; and,
- e. Providing resources and support for early childhood professionals.

By adopting this resolution, the City of La Habra affirms its dedication to fostering an environment where every child can thrive and reach their full potential.

**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED** this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of March, 2025.

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Rose Espinoza  
Mayor

ATTEST:

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Rhonda J. Barone, CMC  
City Clerk

STATE OF CALIFORNIA }  
COUNTY OF ORANGE } SS.  
CITY OF LA HABRA }

I, Rhonda J. Barone, CMC, City Clerk for the City of La Habra, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of Resolution No. CC 2025-\_\_ introduced and adopted at a Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of La Habra held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of March, 2025, by the following roll call vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS:  
NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS:  
ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEMBERS:  
ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS:

Witness my hand and the official seal of the City of La Habra this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of March, 2025.

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Rhonda J. Barone, CMC  
City Clerk