



# Memorandum

**TO:** City Council

**FROM:** Mayor Ron Gonzales

**SUBJECT:** Adoption of a Resolution in support of the City Platform of the National League of Cities' Council on Youth, Education and Families

**DATE:** February 23, 2006

Approved

Date

2/23/06

## RECOMMENDATION

That the Council adopt a resolution in support of the City Platform of the National League of Cities' Council on Youth, Education and Families for strengthening families and improving outcomes for children and youth.

## BACKGROUND

The City of San José has long made helping our community's children achieve one of our highest priorities. We recognize that our future leaders deserve every opportunity to excel and be fully prepared to achieve success.

The City Platform for Strengthening Families and Improving Outcomes for Children and Youth was developed by the National League of Cities' Council on Youth, Education, and Families to provide city officials across the country with starting points to play a key role in the success of youth and families. As former chair of the Council on Youth, Education, and Families, I was proud to work with the Council to prepare this document as a tool for city leaders to use to benefit children and families in their communities.

Adopting the platform is a natural extension of our efforts here in San José. Among our many accomplishments in San José, we have provided greater access to high-quality childcare, insurance to children through our support of the Children's Health Initiative, and access to safe, productive learning environments through our homework center programs. We continue to emphasize collaboration, empowerment and benchmarking as we work to provide a healthy environment in which families can thrive and to ensure positive outcomes for San José's youth.

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN JOSE IN SUPPORT OF THE CITY PLATFORM OF THE NATIONAL LEAGUE OF CITIES' COUNCIL ON YOUTH, EDUCATION AND FAMILIES FOR STRENGTHENING FAMILIES AND IMPROVING OUTCOMES FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH**

**WHEREAS**, the National League of Cities' Council on Youth, Education and Families (YEF) has adopted a city platform for strengthening families and improving outcomes for children and youth; and

**WHEREAS**, the YEF Council's goal is to challenge every city and town to take concrete steps that are likely to yield immediate and significant results in any community, regardless of its size or composition; and

**WHEREAS**, YEF is working this year to prepare a platform or agenda for municipal leadership on behalf of children, youth and their families by defining basic steps that every city and town in America must take to nurture, develop and protect all of its children and families; and

**WHEREAS**, the YEF Council has developed a two-part platform for municipal leadership to strengthen families and improve outcomes for children and youth, thereby offering an opportunity for mayors and other city leaders to place the needs of children, youth and families high on their city's agenda; and

**WHEREAS**, the first part of the platform highlights the essential infrastructure – four key functions and processes that the YEF views as playing a crucial role in effective or sustained investment in children and families; and

**WHEREAS**, the second part of the platform calls upon municipal leaders to take a series of more specific action steps in each of seven issue areas such as Health and

Safety, Youth in Transitions, Family Economic Success and Neighborhood and Community;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN JOSE THAT:**

The City of San José supports the platform of the National League of Cities Council on Youth, Education and Families.

ADOPTED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2006, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

DISQUALIFIED:

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RON GONZALES  
Mayor

ATTEST:

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LEE PRICE, MMC  
City Clerk