

Resolution

**THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA
RESOLUTION HONORING AND COMMENDING**

FIRST 5 SAN MATEO COUNTY For **15 Years of Improving the Lives of Young Children**

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WHEREAS, fifteen years ago, voters in California affirmed their support for a guaranteed revenue stream dedicated to the state’s youngest children and passed Proposition 10, the California Children and Families Act and the statewide program is now known as First 5 in reference due to the tremendous importance of the first five years of a child’s life, when 90% of brain development occurs; and

WHEREAS, First 5 Commissions across the state are charged with responding to local needs and investing in local solutions to improve the lives of young children prenatal through age 5 and the value of early childhood investments has been well-documented for individuals and for society in the form of better health outcomes, higher economic productivity, and reduced spending on foster care, special education, and crime; and

WHEREAS, over the last 15 years, First 5 San Mateo County has invested **\$120** million in local programs to create effective and essential services that help San Mateo’s youngest residents grow up healthy, nurtured, and ready for school. First 5 San Mateo County funding has served over 63,180 children ages 0-5, and 36,130 parents; and

WHEREAS, this unprecedented investment in California’s youngest children – and in its future – has made First 5 the most significant and effective funder of early childhood development programs in the state. But with one in four California children living in poverty, there is still much work to do; and

WHEREAS, since its inception First 5 San Mateo County has worked in partnership with other agencies and organizations, providing leadership; convening partners to identify solutions to unmet needs; and participating in efforts through collaboration and advocacy on behalf of young children.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, hereby commends First 5 San Mateo County for providing our children with solid foundations and strong futures by partnering with elected officials, county leaders and community agencies to create a community where all children will have the opportunity to thrive; be emotionally, socially, and physically healthy; have a loving attachment to a parent or caregiver; and live in an environment that promotes learning.

Dated: January 28, 2013

SUPERVISORS:

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Attest:

Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors