

Staff Report

RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE PENINSULA PARTNERSHIP LEADERSHIP COUNCIL'S BILL OF RIGHTS FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH OF SAN MATEO COUNTY

Honorable Mayor and Council Members:

Summary

The Peninsula Partnership Leadership Council (PPLC) has set a goal that every City Council, local school board and community & service provider organization in San Mateo County that addresses the needs of children and youth adopt the Bill of Rights for Children and Youth of San Mateo County. Staff recommends that the Council adopt the PPLC's Bill of Rights for Children and Youth of San Mateo County.

Background

The Peninsula Partnership Leadership Council (PPLC) is made up of leaders from multiple disciplines throughout San Mateo County, whose mission is to formulate policies that effectively address the needs and foster the healthy development of children, youth and families in San Mateo County. Members include representatives from government, education, as well as, health and social services. The PPLC believes that all children and youth, regardless of where they live in the County, their race, ethnicity, or income level, deserve to have the same rights. The PPLC believes the Bill of Rights is an important first step in effecting policy change to positively impact the lives of children and youth in San Mateo County. The PPLC also hopes that the Bill of Rights will lead to strategic conversations around how well a particular community is doing in achieving these rights and what kinds of policy changes are needed.

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Discussion

Various departments in the City of Belmont (Police, Fire, Parks & Recreation) work closely with youth as part of their respective missions. The on-going work of these departments exemplifies the City's service alignment with the PPLC's Bill of Rights for Children and Youth. Examples of these services to children and youth include:

- Belmont Safe Schools Program

- Belmont Police Explorer Program
- Belmont Police School Resource Officers
- Belmont Youth Advisory Board
- Voices Belmont (Volunteer Outreach in Community Events & Services)
- Teen Resource Center
- BSCFD Babysitter Classes

Jurisdictions that have already adopted the PPLC's Bill of Rights for Children and Youth of San Mateo County include:

- San Mateo County Board of Supervisors
- San Mateo County Board of Education
- Silicon Valley Community Foundation
- San Mateo County Youth Commission
- San Mateo County First Five
- Coastside Community School Partnership
- United Way of the Bay Area
- Youth and Family Enrichment Services
- 17th District Parent Teacher Association
- San Mateo County School Boards Association
- Cabrillo Unified School District
- Ravenswood City School District
- Jefferson Union High School District
- San Mateo County Health Department
- San Mateo County Human Services Department
- City of Half Moon Bay
- City of South San Francisco
- City of San Mateo

General Plan/Vision Statement

Adoption of the PPLC's Bill of Rights for Children and Youth of San Mateo County for the City of Belmont supports the City's Vision Statement in the following areas:

Distinctive Community Character

- We get involved in town matters because we care about living here

Thriving Culture

- Belmont is a wonderfully safe and supportive place to raise a family
- Our schools and library are the pride of our community

Fiscal Impact

No Fiscal Impact.

Public Contact

Posting of City Council agenda.

Recommendation

Staff recommends that the City Council adopt the PPLC's Bill of Rights for Children and Youth of San Mateo County.

Alternatives

1. Provide other direction to staff.
2. Take no action.

Attachments:

- A. Resolution
- B. PPLC's Bill of Rights for Children and Youth of San Mateo County

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RESOLUTION NO.

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ADOPTING THE PENINSULA PARTNERSHIP LEADERSHIP COUNCIL'S BILL OF
RIGHTS FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH OF SAN MATEO COUNTY**

WHEREAS, the Peninsula Partnership Leadership Council (PPLC) is made up of leaders from multiple disciplines throughout San Mateo County, whose mission is to formulate policies that effectively address the needs and foster the healthy development of children, youth and families in San Mateo County; and,

WHEREAS, the PPLC has set a goal that every City Council, local school board and community & service provider organizations in San Mateo County that address the needs of children and youth adopt the Bill of Rights for Children and Youth of San Mateo County; and,

WHEREAS, various departments in the City of Belmont work closely with youth as part of their respective missions. The on-going work of these departments exemplifies the City's service alignment with the PPLC's Bill of Rights for Children and Youth; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Belmont adopt the Peninsula Partnership Leadership Council's Bill of Rights for Children and Youth of San Mateo County.

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly and regularly passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Belmont at a regular meeting thereof held on February 24, 2009 by the following vote:

AYES, COUNCILMEMBERS: _____

NOES, COUNCILMEMBERS: _____

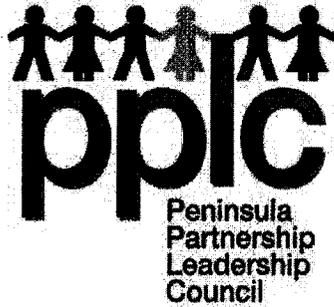
ABSTAIN, COUNCILMEMBERS: _____

ABSENT, COUNCILMEMBERS: _____

CLERK of the City of Belmont

APPROVED:

MAYOR of the City of Belmont



Peninsula Partnership Leadership Council Bill of Rights for Children and Youth of San Mateo County

We resolve to invest in all children and youth so that:

- They have a healthy mind, body and spirit that enables them to maximize their potential.
- They develop a healthy attachment to a parent, guardian, or caregiver and an ongoing relationship with a caring and supportive adult.
- Their essential needs are met – nutritious food, shelter, clothing, health care, and accessible transportation.
- They have a safe and healthy environment, including homes, schools, neighborhoods and communities.
- They have access to a 21st century education that promotes success in life, in future careers and a love of life-long learning.
- They have training in life skills that will prepare them to live independently, be self-sufficient and contribute to their community.
- They have employment opportunities with protections from unfair labor practices.
- They have freedom from mistreatment, abuse and neglect.
- They have a voice in matters that affect them.
- They have a sense of hope for their future.

Leaders in Action for Children, Youth, and Families