

## Resolution in Support of Carpinteria Children and Families

WHEREAS, the Carpinteria Children's Project has a mission dedicated to the success of each child in Carpinteria and is committed to serving all children and families without regard to race, ethnicity, religion, national origin, immigration status, age, gender, language, socio-economic status, gender identity, or expression, sexual orientation, medical condition or disability, and while we are going through a contentious political period, our nation has gone through tumultuous times in the past and, ultimately, we will come together. Our children and our community depend on it;

WHEREAS, our ongoing commitment to our community's families is that the Carpinteria Children's Project is a safe place for them, no matter their immigration, religious, gender, and ability status. A place where words and actions cannot, and should not, harm who they are. A place where each day provides them the opportunity to work with other children and adults so that each one of them can continue to mature and develop into outstanding leaders and contributors to the community. A place where they are cared for by adults and peers who listen to their needs, understand who they are, and support who they want to become;

WHEREAS, as an active participant in the Carpinteria community, we stand together and continually work to create a positive culture where every person is respected and valued: an environment where rich dialogue is encouraged amongst our families and staff, but the discourse does not harm a person's identity or well-being; where no election result changes our commitment to ALL of our children and families, and they can depend on our staff to model and maintain an environment where they can flourish;

WHEREAS, as a board, we invite parents, neighbors, and those committed to supporting our community's children to work collaboratively with us as we continue to empower them to reach their full potential as responsible, ethical, and productive citizens in a diverse and changing world;

THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED that we will continue to welcome and support children from all backgrounds, including those from undocumented families, and will protect the confidentiality of information we have about our students and families to the fullest extent provided by law.

APPROVED, PASSED, AND ADOPTED ON FEBRUARY 23, 2017, by the following vote:

Ayes 5      Nays 0      Absent 1      Abstain 0

  
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President, Board of the Carpinteria Children's Project

  
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ATTEST: Member, Board of Carpinteria Children's Project

