

PETITION FOR SUBMISSION TO VOTERS
A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF SACRAMENTO
(version.2 – October 13, 2017)

SACRAMENTO CHILDREN’S FUND

The voters of the City of Sacramento hereby amend the Charter of the City of Sacramento as follows:

1. Purpose: This law establishes the Sacramento Children’s Fund to protect and expand funding for services that help children and youth less than 25 years old be safe, healthy, and productive.
2. Goals: The goals of the Sacramento Children’s Fund are to:
 - a. Support youth to live safe, peaceful, and healthy lives free from involvement with the juvenile and criminal justice systems.
 - b. Help children and youth succeed in school and graduate high school prepared for college, career, and community.
 - c. Foster the healthy development of young children, ages 0 to 5 years old.
3. Fund: Notwithstanding any other provision of law, each year for ten years, effective July 1, 2020 and continuing through June 30, 2030, the Sacramento Children’s Fund shall receive revenues equal to 2.5% of the City of Sacramento’s audited actual annual unrestricted General Fund revenues and appropriated as specified in this Act each year, together with any interest earned on the Sacramento Children’s Fund and any amounts unspent or uncommitted by the Sacramento Children’s Fund at the end of any fiscal year. The annual amount of actual unrestricted General Fund revenue shall be estimated by the City Manager and verified by the City Auditor. Errors in calculation for a fiscal year shall be corrected by an adjustment in the set aside in the following fiscal year. Audited actual unrestricted General Fund revenues shall not include funds granted to the City of Sacramento by private agencies or by other public agencies. All monies in the Sacramento Children’s Fund shall be maintained and accounted for separately and apart from all other City funds.
4. Allowable Uses: Pursuant to achieving the goals of the Sacramento Children’s Fund, no less than 90% of all monies in the Sacramento Children’s Fund shall be used to pay for services provided to children and youth less than 25 years old, including, but not limited to:
 - a. Mentoring, counseling and culturally-based healing practices, job training, transitional employment, and case management.

- b. Summer and after-school learning, artistic, cultural, and media expression, career-based internships, and family support services.
 - c. Early childhood education, parent/child play groups, and family support services.
5. Planning, Evaluation, and Management: No more than 10% of all monies in the Sacramento Children's Fund shall be used for strategic planning, grant-making, grants management, data collection and evaluation, and communications and community engagement.
6. Excluded Uses: Monies in the Sacramento Children's Fund shall not be appropriated or expended for:
- a. any service which merely benefits children and youth incidentally;
 - b. acquisition, lease, or maintenance of any capital item or real property not for primary and direct use by children and youth;
 - c. any service for which a fixed or minimum level of expenditure is mandated by state or federal law, to the extent of the fixed or minimum level of expenditure.
7. Three-Year Strategic Investment Plan: Appropriations from the Sacramento Children's Fund shall be made pursuant to a Three-Year Strategic Investment Plan, with the first plan to begin July 1, 2020. Each Three-Year Strategic Investment Plan shall describe the:
- a. problem and challenge to be addressed in each of the Fund's three goal areas;
 - b. target populations to be served within each of the Fund's three goal areas;
 - c. service performance and youth outcome metrics to evaluate progress toward achieving the Fund's three goals;
 - d. theory-of-change of how youth outcomes will be achieved with the target populations in each of the Fund's three goal areas;
 - e. alignment and coordination of other public and private resources to maximize service reach and impact.
8. Competitive Bid Process: 90% of all monies in the Sacramento Children's Fund shall be used to pay for services provided to children and youth less than 25 years old, and shall be appropriated to non-profit organizations and public agencies exclusively through an open and fair competitive bid process, including consideration of applicants' past performance.
9. Citizens' Planning & Oversight Commission: Not later than 90 days after the election which approves this section, the Mayor shall appoint nine (9) Sacramento residents, five of whom shall be a resident not older than 24 years old, to serve as members of the Sacramento Children's Fund Planning & Oversight Commission. The term of a Commissioner shall be two years, and a Commissioner shall not serve more than three

consecutive terms. The Commission shall reflect the demographic profile of Sacramento's children and youth, and all appointees shall demonstrate sound knowledge of, and/or expertise in, child and youth development policy, program implementation and evaluation, and fiscal accountability.

10. Commission Powers: The Sacramento Children's Fund Planning & Oversight Commission shall be responsible for:

- a. preparing and submitting Three-Year Strategic Investment Plans for City Council adoption;
- b. evaluating three-year funding applications from non-profit organizations and public agencies through an open and fair competitive bid process, and submitting funding recommendations for City Council adoption;
- c. submitting annual evaluation reports for City Council adoption;
- d. receiving City Auditor annual reports on the Fund's financial statement and Base Spending Requirement.

11. Supplement, Not Supplant: The City of Sacramento shall not reduce the amount of unrestricted General Fund expenditures for eligible services in any fiscal year below the amount so expended in the 2018-2019 fiscal year. Not later than January 15, 2020, the City Auditor shall calculate and publish the amount of unrestricted General Fund expenditures made on eligible services in the 2018-2019 fiscal year, disaggregating and specifying such expenditures by Department and eligible service. Not later than January 15 of each year through January 15, 2031, the City Auditor shall verify that the City of Sacramento did not reduce the amount of unrestricted General Fund expenditures for eligible services in the prior fiscal year. If the City Auditor finds that in any fiscal year the amount of funds expended for eligible services is less than the total amount expended in 2018-2019, the City of Sacramento shall increase expenditures for eligible services in the following fiscal year so that the correct amount of funds is expended.

11. Reauthorization: This section may be extended for an additional ten years beginning July 1, 2030 by a simple majority vote of the City Council. If the City Council does not itself extend this section, then the City Council shall place the question of whether to extend this section on the November 2028 ballot for a vote of the electorate. This process shall be repeated every ten years or until reauthorization is rejected by a vote of the electorate.

12. Severability: If any provision of this section or any application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of this section and its applications shall not be affected. To this end, the provisions of this section are severable.