

Children's Council Meeting Minutes
December 12, 2022

Council Member	Appointed Council Member or Alternate	Affiliation	Title	Present
Applegate, Michael	Alternate	CSU Monterey Bay	Interim Director	
Arreola, Jose	Member	Community Alliance for Safety and Peace	Director	
Askew, Wendy	Member	District #4	Supervisor	X
Astengo, Berenice	Alternate	Monterey County Free Libraries	Managing Librarian	
Baldwin, Dan	Member	Community Foundation for Monterey Co.	President/CEO	
Bernal, Stephen	Member	Office of the Sheriff	Sheriff	
Bhardwaj, Jaskiart "Jessica	Alternate	City of Salinas		
Burns, Dan	Member	Salinas Union school District	Superintendent	X
Butler, Ashley	Alternate	Public Defender Office	Public Defender	X
Castagna, Katy	Member	United Way Monterey County	President and CEO	
Chapman, Susan	Member	Public Defender Office	Public Defender	
Cutino, Annette	Alternate	County Counsel	Deputy County Counsel	
Dunn, Laura	Member	Child Care Planning Council	Chair	X
Eckert, Katy	Member	Behavioral Health	Director	X
Franks, Roderick	Alternate	Department of Social Services		X
Girard, Les	Member	County Counsel	County Counsel	
Gunsolley, Tory	Member	Monterey County Housing Authority	Executive Director	
Guss, Deneen	Member	Monterey County Office of Education	Superintendent	X
Jimenez, Elsa	Member	Monterey County Health Department	Director of Health	

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Keating, Todd	Member	Probation	Chief	X
Lal	Monica	Monterey Peninsula Chamber of Commerce	President/CEO	X
Lavorato, Sam Jr.	Member	Superior Court, Juvenile Justice Division	Judge	
Lee-Alexander, Laurel	Alternate	Community Foundation for Monterey County	Vice President Community Impact	X
Luzader, Lori	Member	Special Kids Connect	Executive Director	
Madfis, Josh	Alternate	United Way Monterey County	Vice President Community Investments	X
McCrae, Robin	Member	Community Human Services	Executive Director	
Medina, Lori	Member	Department of Social Services	Director	X
Mendez, Marisol	Alternate	Monterey County District Office	Assistant District Attorney	X
Mora, Eric	Alternate	District #4	Policy Analyst	
Moreno, Dr. Edward	Alternate	Monterey County Health Department	Health Officer & Director of Public Health	
Quinones, Vanya	Member	CSU Monterey Bay	President	
Pacioni, Jeannine	Member	Monterey County District Attorney Office	District Attorney	
Pierce, Virginia R.	Member	CAPC	Director	X
Ramirez, Jose	Alternate	Probation Department	Assistant Chief	
Reeves-Fortney, Beth	Alternate	First 5 of Monterey County	Director of Programs	
Rodd, Francine	Member	First 5 of Monterey County	Executive Director	X
Sandoval, Marni	Alternate	Behavioral Health	Director	
Southard, Doug	Member	Department of Family and Children Services	Deputy Director	X

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Stonebloom, Daniel	Alternate	Lagunita Elementary School District	Superintendent	
Surbeck, Jayne	Alternate	Office of the Sheriff	Administrative Assistant-Confidential	
Swick, Susan	Member	Ohana Montage Health	VP/Chief Mental Health Officer	
Theyer, Hillary	Member	Monterey County Free Libraries	Director	X
Uccelli, Gina	Member	Washington Union School District	Superintendent	
Bangs, Randy	Alternate	Soledad School District	Superintendent	
Vela, Ernesto	Alternate	MCOE	Director	
Whilden, Heidi	Alternate	Superior Court, Juvenile Division	Judge	
Wouden, Michelle	Alternate	Public Defenders Office	Public Defender	
Koehler, Sonja	Non-Member	Bright Beginnings	Director	X
Perez Diaz, Mayra	Non-Member	United Way	Coordinator of MCCC and Community Impact Director, Early Childhood Investments	X
Ortiz, Maria	Guest	MAOF		X
Santos, Vicky	Guest	MAOF		X
Dr. Cid Pinedo	Guest	MAOF		X
Ramirez, Laurie	Guest	MCOE		X
Matteoni, Megan	Guest	MCOE		X
Keeley-Saldana, Laura	Guest	Bright Beginnings		

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Item	Summary of discussion/review	Action/deliverable
1. Welcome and Introductions	Meeting called to order at 12:06 p.m. by Chair, Lori Medina	
2. Public Comment		None
3. Action Items a. Consider adoption of a Resolution XVI pursuant to AB 361 to find that as a result of the continuing Covid-19 pandemic state of emergency declared by Governor Newsom, holding Children’s Council meetings in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees b. Approve the minutes of the October 10, 2022, Children’s Council General Assembly meeting		a. The Resolution XV pursuant to AB361 was approved. Motion by Deneen Guss. Seconded by Laurel Lee-Alexander. Vote. Passed. b. The Children’s Council meeting minutes of November 14, 2022, were approved. Motion by Katy Eckert. Seconded by Wendy Root-Askew. Vote. Passed.
4. Presentations/Discussions: a. Champions for Children Award luncheon and Recognition for the Child Care & Well Being Covid-19 Rapid Response and Recovery Coalition	Chair, Lori Medina, presented the 2022 Champions For Children’s digital plaque award to the Child Care & Well Being Covid-19 Rapid Response and Recovery Coalition. Sonja Koehler from Bright Beginnings presented highlights and accomplishments of the coalition.	

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5. Updates/Announcements	None	
6. Meeting Adjourned		12:46p.m.