

A RESOLUTION FROM THE FREMONT CITY COUNCIL; FEBRUARY 4, 2019

Whereas, the City of Fremont is home to over 230,000 Californians and is one of the most ethnically and culturally diverse communities in the Bay Area of Northern California with highly educated citizens working in a variety of business settings; and

Whereas, there are approximately 350,000 Californians identified by the State as having an Intellectual or Developmental Disability (IDD) who have the right to support under the Lanterman Act, which affords them the right to services that enable them to live as full and independent a life as possible; and

Whereas, since the 2001-2002 State Budget, the rates paid by the state to community-based programs that provide the services and supports to families and people with IDD have only been raised twice, in 2006 and 2015; and

Whereas, as a result of these rate freezes and the rising costs of providing services, including wages and any costs associated with the administrative oversight of these services, including property taxes, leases, transportation, telephone, insurance, Workers' Compensation and many other cost impacts, the relative value of the salaries and wages community-based programs serving Californians with IDD can offer has slipped dramatically, affecting the quality and availability of services provided; and

Be It Resolved, that the City of Fremont urges the Governor and Legislature of California to enact a State Budget that adequately addresses the needs of Californians with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities and supports appropriate rates paid to community-based programs and their workers supporting these individuals, their families, and the direct service professionals who work with them.