



Board Resolution of **Voices for Children**  
2018-19 *Live Well San Diego* Partnership

WHEREAS, the health and well-being of citizens is of primary concern for the County of San Diego, and on July 13, 2010, the San Diego County Board of Supervisors adopted the *Live Well San Diego* vision, for achieving the county's vision of Building Better Health, Living Safely, and Thriving; and

WHEREAS, *Live Well San Diego* is the common thread between the work of public and private entities, faith-based and community-based organizations, cities, business community members, and other stakeholders toward a shared vision of a healthier, safe, and more self-sufficient communities; and

**WHEREAS, Voices for Children believes that every child deserves a safe, permanent home and is dedicated to improving the lives of children in San Diego County foster care by providing them with trained, volunteer Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASAs) and**

WHEREAS, Voices for Children fulfills the *Live Well San Diego* partner requirements by improving the health and wellbeing of children living in foster care; advocating on behalf of children in foster care to ensure they receive the proper support, medical care, therapy, and other vital resources; offering initial and ongoing training to CASA volunteers on topics such as self-care, substance abuse, mental health, and communication strategies; helping foster youth succeed in school and pursue future education opportunities; and actively participating in collaborative efforts with other organizations and entities to continuously improve our services and offer comprehensive, coordinated support to foster children in San Diego County.

WHEREAS, Voices for Children is committed to continuing to advance *Live Well San Diego* into the future, and is embracing strategies of this initiative in ways illustrated here:

- Building a Better Service Delivery System by **advocating on behalf of children in foster care to ensure they receive the proper support and resources, and using technology to streamline data collection and communication**
- Supporting Positive Choices by **training CASA volunteers to support children in a variety of situations, including dealing with trauma, substance abuse, mental health issues, and other wellness needs; strengthening the relationships between foster youth and their CASAs; pursuing partnerships to further improve the health and wellbeing of the children we serve**
- Pursuing Policy and Environmental Change by **partnering with San Diego County officials and other *Live Well San Diego* partners to support youth in the foster care system, as well as those involved with juvenile justice**
- In other ways by **strengthening our community of CASA volunteers who support foster youth, and providing opportunities to share resources to better serve our youth**

WHEREAS, Voices for Children whole-heartedly supports the *Live Well San Diego* vision and will have the opportunity to collaborate with the network of *Live Well San Diego* champions and partners to achieve the greatest collective impact possible for creating and sustaining safe, healthy and thriving communities; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the **Voices for Children President & CEO** hereby approves the partnership with the County of San Diego's *Live Well San Diego* vision during the meeting occurring on **September 7, 2018.**

  
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**John Valencia**  
**President & CEO**

**9-7-18**  
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**Date**