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# Update on the City of Pasadena Early Child Development Policy

Special Joint Meeting  
Pasadena City Council & Pasadena Unified School District  
Monday, March 20, 2023

Item 2





# Background

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- The Early Childhood Development & Early Learning Task Force convened from April 2022 – September 2022.
- The Task Force reported back to City Council in November 2022 on:
  - > The current **status of implementation** of the 2015 Policy,
  - > The 2015 Policy's **alignment with the most recent science** regarding best practices on implementing early childhood programs, and
  - > Any revisions to the 2015 Policy needed to support the City's youngest children and families in light of **COVID, racial injustice, cycles of violence, and economic instability.**



# Local Context- Demographics

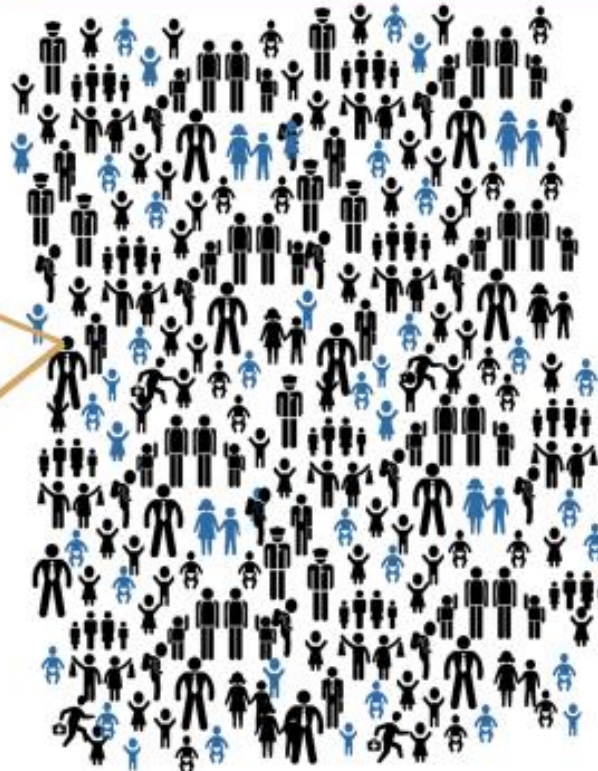
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## Demographic Profile: Children aged 0-5 years old

There are **10,265** children with ages 0-5 years old in Pasadena.



That is about **7.2%** of the more than 140,000 residents of Pasadena.



There are **11%** more children younger than 6 years than there was 10 years ago.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2020 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates. Retrieved July 2022.

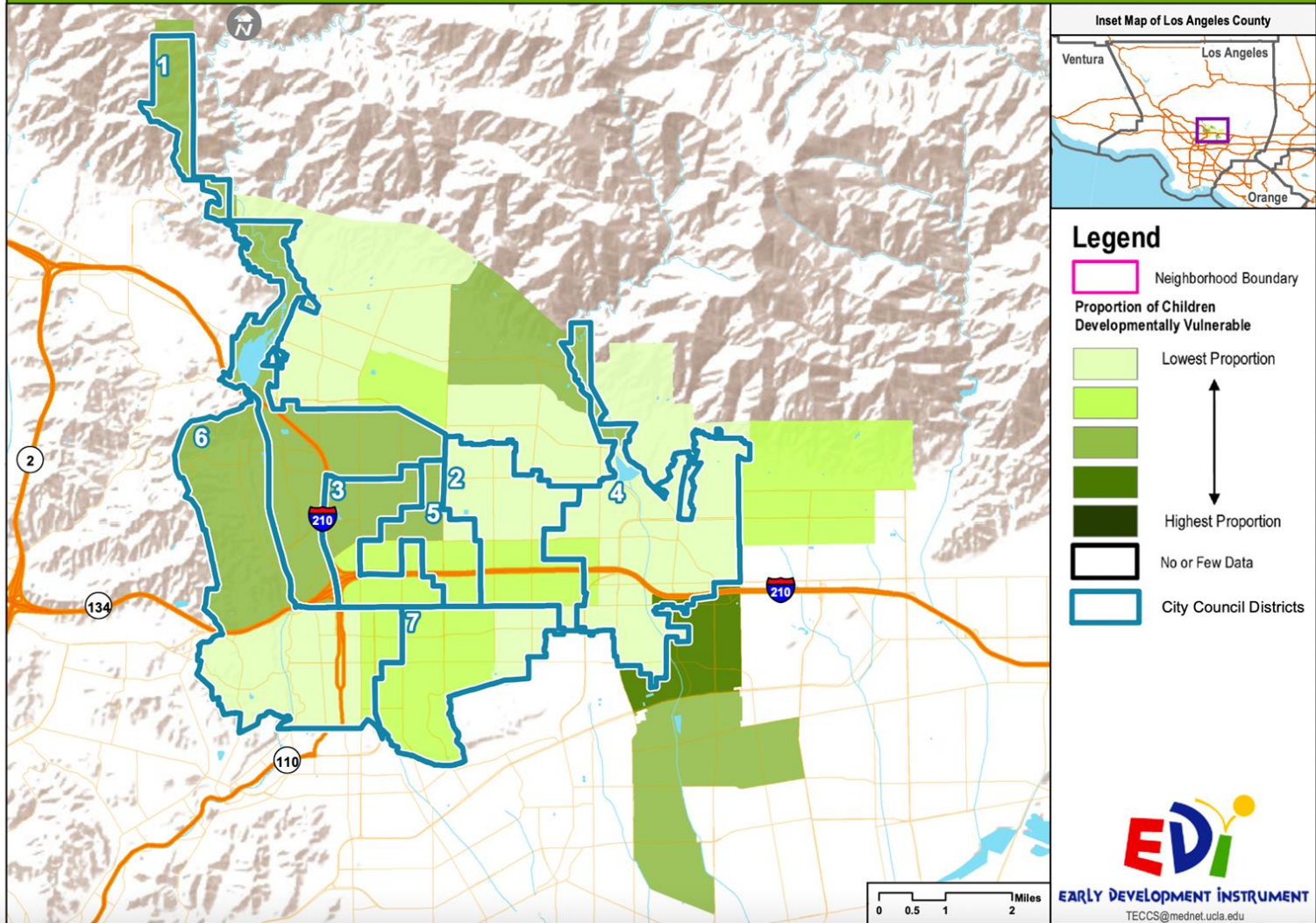




# Local Context- Early Development Instrument 2020 Data (Administered Pre-Pandemic)

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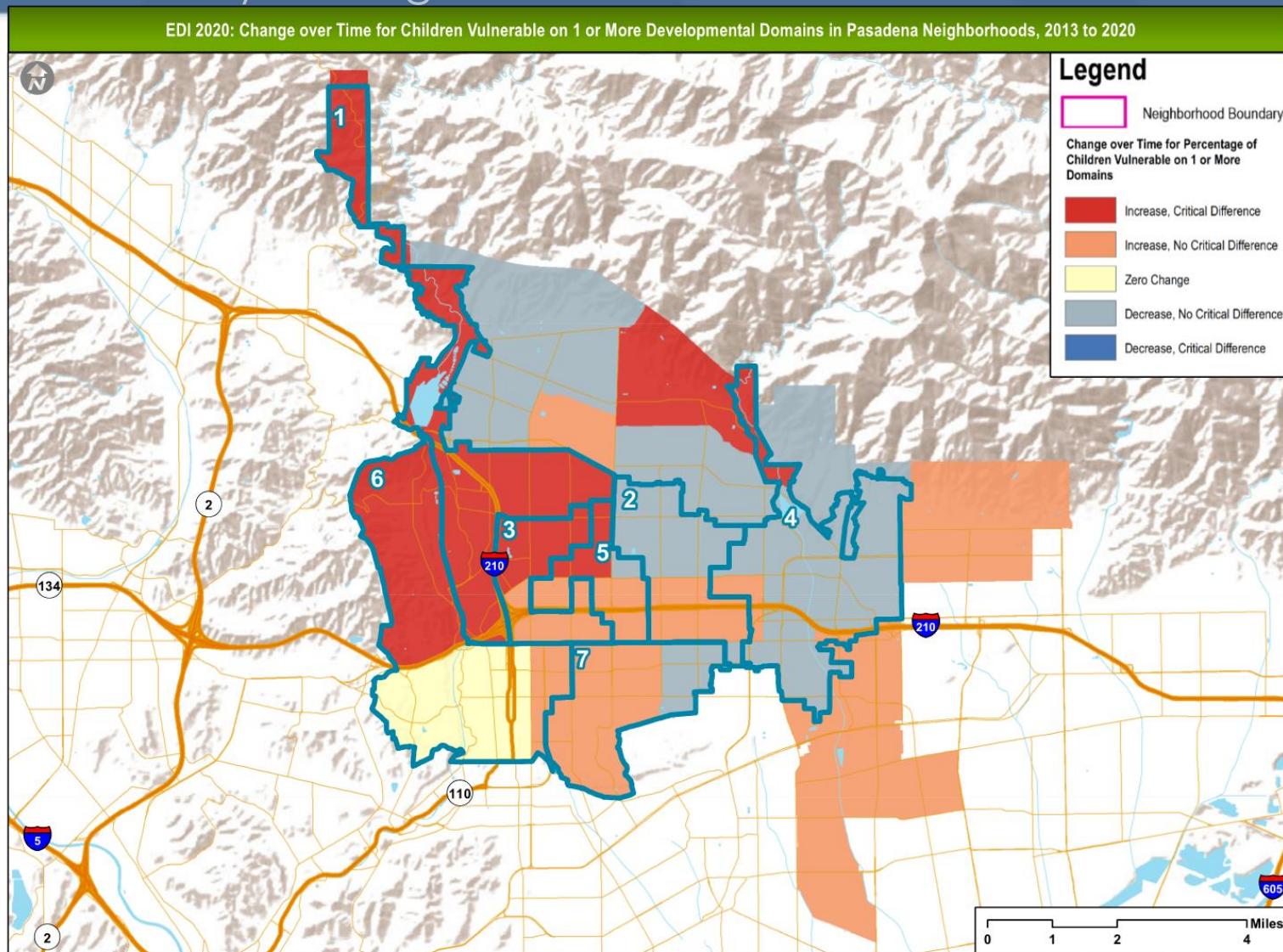
EDI 2020: Children Vulnerable on One or More Developmental Domains in Pasadena Neighborhoods with City Council Districts





# Local Context- Early Development Instrument 2013 to 2020 Change Over Time Comparison

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# 2022 Early Child Development Policy

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In November 2022, the Task Force presented its findings to City Council:

- Revised Vision Statement
- Maintains a **Systems Approach**
- Consolidated Eight Building Blocks into **Three Core Elements**
  - Aligned in Vision, Linked in Action (to build & sustain partnerships)
  - Data Collection & Measures of Success
  - Strengthening Families (including the critical transition from pre-school to kindergarten in a young child's development)
- Clarified City's role as **convener of the larger community** in building & sustaining partnerships



## Early Child Development Policy

City of Pasadena  
October 2022

developed by  
EARLY CHILD DEVELOPMENT & EARLY LEARNING TASK FORCE  
Adopted by City Council on November 14, 2022

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# Areas of Recommendation

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The Task Force provided **specific and action-oriented recommendations** to achieve **better outcomes for children and families**. Areas of recommendation include:

- Financing strategies for programming & support
- Strengthening data collection related to young families
- Enhancements to structure and support for the Office of the Young Child & implementation of the Policy.



# Opportunities for Collaboration- City & PUSD

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Create a meaningful partnership and immediate alignment of diverse stakeholders to achieve visible results:

- Early Development Instrument (EDI) Assessment- Winter 2024
  - > Prior data collection years 2013, 2017, 2020
- Universal Pre-K
  - > Convene a working group to assist with design & support of early childhood programs
- Assist in developing a district-wide campaign to introduce families to the school district.
  - > Getting Ready for Kinder Campaign, inclusion in City marketing channels