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Los Angeles County’s Coordinated Effort: Early Care and Education

On January 10, 2019, Governor Gavin Newsom unveiled his “California for All” budget proposal for 2019-20. The budget includes a strong focus on early childhood, with funding for preschool expansion, child care infrastructure (including facilities and professional development for the workforce), and the creation of a roadmap toward universal preschool and quality, affordable subsidized child care, home visiting and other supports for California families with young children. The Governor’s budget proposal aligns nicely with current efforts in Los Angeles County (County) to expand access, improve quality, strengthen the workforce, and build infrastructure to support the local early care and education system.

Under the leadership of the Board of Supervisors (Board), partnerships among various County Departments – Public Health (DPH), Children and Family Services (DCFS), Public Social Services (DPSS), the Los Angeles County Office of Education (LACOE), Office of Child Protection (OCP), the Policy Roundtable for Child Care and

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Development, the Child Care Planning Committee, First 5 LA, the Child Care Alliance of Los Angeles and others are being strengthened and revitalized. This is keenly reflected in the County's coordinated efforts to strengthen and expand the critical systems of support for young children and their families, particularly around early care and education and home visitation.

The Board has recognized the need for a more nuanced understanding of the funding landscape and physical infrastructure to support early care and education. There is also a need to build capacity so that early childhood education and home visiting programs support prevention and early intervention to improve child, family, and community well-being. Within the last six months, the Board unanimously passed two motions, one on October 30, 2018 that asked for a comprehensive financial landscape analysis to understand what local, state, and federal funding currently exists to support early care and education services and how funds can be maximized in the County; and the other, on November 27, 2018, which asked for a review of the County-owned properties that could serve as future early care and learning sites. The Board will receive reports on both of these motions within the next few months, and these reports, combined with DPH's strategic plan for expanding home visitation and OCP's report, *Paving the Road to Safety for Our Children: A Prevention Plan for Los Angeles County* (2017), will lay the groundwork for a coordinated effort to connect the dots for young children and their families in Los Angeles County. The Governor's proposed budget provides a unique opportunity to deepen the County's partnership with the State.

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WE THEREFORE MOVE that the Board of Supervisors direct the Chief Executive Officer to send a five-signature letter to the Governor and the County's State legislative delegation expressing the Board's support for the Governor's proposals for funding early care and education programs and encouraging additional investments in infant and toddler care and other related services that increase access to high quality early care and education programs.

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