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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**REQUEST FOR APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF
CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2004-05
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS)
(4 VOTES)**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

Approve the attached Request for Appropriation Adjustment to increase the Department of Children and Family Services' (DCFS) Fiscal Year 2004-05 Other Charges appropriation by \$3.4 million, federal revenue by \$2.6 million and State revenue by \$0.8 million to reflect the additional federal and State CWS Redesign-Cohort 1 and Kid's Plate funding for FY 2004-05. There is no impact on net County cost (NCC).

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

The purpose of the recommended action is to increase revenue and Other Charges appropriation by \$3.4 million to reflect the additional revenue available in FY 04-05. The additional revenue is from CWS Redesign-Cohort 1 and Kid's Plate funding.

The FY 2004-05 Budget was adopted prior to notification by the State that the additional funding is available.

The recommended action will enable the Department to align expenditures with available revenue and to provide the spending authority for additional services critical to ensure child safety and permanency with no impact on NCC. Neither funding source requires a County match.

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Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The recommended action is consistent with the principles of the Countywide Strategic Plan Goal #4 (Fiscal Responsibility) Strategy #1 (Manage Effectively the Resource We Have). The recommended action will ensure spending is aligned with available revenue.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The budget adjustment will increase: (a) Other Charges appropriation by \$3.4, (b) federal revenue by \$2.6 million, and (c) State revenue by \$0.8 million. The increased funding will finance the cost of additional services to ensure child safety and permanency with no impact on NCC. There is no County match requirement for the CWS Redesign-Cohort 1 and Kid's Plate funding.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The FY 2004-05 Budget was adopted prior to notification of the availability of the FY 04-05 CWS Redesign-Cohort 1 fund including FY 03-04 rollover funding and Kid's Plate funding. The additional funding will enable the Department to provide for additional services related to Promoting Safe and Stable Families including services needed to restore or reunify families.

The CWS Redesign-Cohort 1 funding may be used to support allowable activities under the Promoting Safe and Stable Families program including, but not limited to: development and implementation of safety assessment tools and protocols; expanded intake structure (for example, differential response) and permanency activities that restore families, rebuild families and return children home to their families.

The intent of the Kid's Plate funding is to reduce children injury and child abuse. The State encourages counties to coordinate the use of the Kid's Plate funding with the following funding streams: Child Abuse Prevention, Intervention and Treatment (CAPIT) funding; Community-Based Family Resource and Support (CBFRS); and Promoting Safe and Stable Families (PSSF).

The Department will use this additional funding to augment existing contracts.

The Chief Administrative Office (CAO) concurs with the requested action.

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IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES

Approval of the Request for Appropriation will enable the Department to provide additional services critical to ensuring child safety and permanency for children under the care of DCFS while improving the three primary outcomes of the Department.

CONCLUSION

Upon approval by the Board of Supervisors, it is requested that the Executive Officer/Clerk of the Board send one (1) copy of the Adopted Board letter and Adopted Request for Appropriation and Revenue Adjustment to the following:

1. Department of Children and Family Services
Budget Services Division
Attn: Tito Barin, Budget Officer
425 Shatto Place, Room 203
Los Angeles, California 90020

2. Auditor-Controller
Accounting Division
Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration, Room 603
500 West Temple Street
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Respectfully submitted,

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Attachment (1)

c: Chief Administrative Officer
County Counsel