

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR DON KNABE

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**Amendment to Item 17**

Children in foster care are among the most vulnerable members of our society. It has been shown that qualified mentors can provide the support and guidance these children so desperately need to face the challenges of life in out-of-home care. A caring and committed adult can provide a foster child the promise of an easier and more successful transition out of the child welfare system to independence with the ability to become a happy and productive citizen.

Recognizing the profound benefits of mentoring foster children, this Board, on my motion, established the goal to provide mentors for all foster children in Los Angeles County by 2010.

I, THEREFORE MOVE, that our federal legislative goals be amended to add support for legislation, proposals and/or funding for mentoring of foster children.

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