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MOTION BY SUPERVISOR ZEV YAROSLAVSKY

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On November 3, 2004, the Board of Supervisors established the Education Coordinating Council (ECC) to improve educational outcomes for youth in the foster care and juvenile justice systems, allocating funds to assist ECC in the development of a Blueprint plan. By February 2006, ECC completed and the Board approved the landmark plan, Expecting More: A Blueprint for Raising the Educational Achievement of Foster and Probation Youth.

Over the past year, the ECC has made significant progress to achieve the Blueprint's twelve recommendations. As a result, in June, 2006, the Board allocated an additional \$185,000 for three early childhood education and youth development consultants to continue implementation. At that time, ECC also made a commitment to seek outside funding sources.

Since then, the ECC has made good on their promise, applying for a \$450,000 grant from the Keck Foundation and a \$200,000 grant from the Weingart Foundation. Both foundations are requesting a significant public sector investment, and to date, the Department of Children and Family Services and the Probation Department have each

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agreed to allocate \$50,000 toward this important effort for FY 2007-08. To demonstrate our continued commitment to this public-private partnership, the Board of Supervisors should consider providing a final allocation in the amount of \$100,000 to help secure these two grants. If awarded, the public and private grants together would fully fund ECC's remaining efforts to complete implementation of the Blueprint plan over the next two years.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors direct the Chief Administrative Officer to identify options for providing the \$100,000 needed to leverage private funding sources necessary for ECC to complete implementation of the Blueprint Plan, and report back on the funding options in time for consideration during the FY 2007-2008 Supplemental Budget in September.

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