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Re: Ordinance Amending Title 3 - Advisory Commissions and Committees of the Los Angeles County Code, Relating to the Operations of the Children's Council of Los Angeles County

Dear Ms. Watson:

You have asked this office to prepare an ordinance amending Title 3 - Advisory Commissions and Committees of the Los Angeles County Code, relating to the operations of the Children's Council of Los Angeles County.

The analysis and ordinance may be presented to the Board of Supervisors for consideration.

Very truly yours,

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Enclosure

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ANALYSIS

This ordinance amends Title 3 – Advisory Commissions and Committees of the Los Angeles County Code by:

- Amending Section 3.69.010 (Creation and Purpose) to change the name of the "Children's Planning Council of Los Angeles County" to "The Children's Council of Los Angeles County;"
- Amending Section 3.69.020 (Members) to change the membership composition of the Council;
- Amending Section 3.69.060 (Staff) to add the positions of office manager and director of service planning area/American Indian Children's Councils and to remove the position of Executive Assistant and to reflect a name change by the Children's Planning Council Foundation Inc., to "The Children's Council Foundation Inc.;"
- Amending Section 3.69.080 (Tenure of the Council) to extend the sunset date of the Council to July 1, 2009, and annually thereafter;
- Making various other changes to reflect a change in the Council's scope of work.

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ORDINANCE NO. _____

An ordinance amending Title 3 - Advisory Commissions and Committees of the Los Angeles County Code, relating to the operations of the Children's Council of Los Angeles County.

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles ordains as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 3.69.010 is hereby amended to read as follows:

3.69.010 Creation and purpose.

There is created ~~a~~The Children's Council of Los Angeles County (formerly known as the Los Angeles County ~~c~~Children's ~~p~~Planning ~~c~~Council), hereinafter referred to as the "Council."

The Council is a public/private body that brings together various agencies, groups, organizations, communities, and sectors to improve outcomes for children and their families~~through coordinated planning~~.

SECTION 2. Section 3.69.020 is hereby amended to read as follows:

3.69.020 Members.

It is the intention of the Board of Supervisors that the membership of the Council reflect the spectrum of diverse communities within the county. When appointing members, consideration should be given to ensuring that:

New appointees represent a variety of ethnic groups, particularly those from underserved populations.

Appointees represent diverse groups (e.g., gay/~~ and~~lesbian/transgender, developmentally disabled) or interests (e.g., runaway or homeless youth, alcohol and drug use).

Appointees represent or have access to/connections with key constituent groups (parents, service recipients, community advisory bodies).

The Council shall consist of:

A. The following ex officio members:

1. Chairman Pro Tem, Board of Supervisors;

2. Chief ~~administrative~~Executive Officer;

~~3. District Attorney;~~

~~4.~~3. Presiding Judge, Juvenile Court;

~~5. Director, department of children and family services;~~

~~6. Director, department of health services;~~

~~7. Director, department of mental health;~~

~~8. Director, department of parks and recreation;~~

~~9. Director, county of Los Angeles public library;~~

~~10. Director, department of public social services;~~

~~11. Chief probation officer;~~

~~12.~~ 4. Superintendent, County Office of Education;

~~13.~~ 5. Superintendent, Los Angeles Unified School District;

~~14. Director, department of child support services.~~

B. ~~19~~23 members comprised of the following persons to be nominated by the entity which they represent, subject to confirmation by the Board of Supervisors:

~~1. A representative from a school district other than Los Angeles Unified School District (to be nominated by the county board of education);~~

1. A representative from the leadership of the service planning area council for Service Planning Area 1;

2. A representative from the leadership of the service planning area council for Service Planning Area 2;

3. A representative from the leadership of the service planning area council for Service Planning Area 3;

4. A representative from the leadership of the service planning area council for Service Planning Area 4;

5. A representative from the leadership of the service planning area council for Service Planning Area 5;

6. A representative from the leadership of the service planning area council for Service Planning Area 6;

7. A representative from the leadership of the service planning area council for Service Planning Area 7;

8. A representative from the leadership of the service planning area council for Service Planning Area 8;

9. A representative from the leadership of the American Indian Children's Council;

10. A representative of the Association of Community Human Service Agencies;

11. A representative of First 5 LA;

~~2.~~12. A representative of the League of California Cities;

~~3.~~13. A representative of the ~~c~~City of Los Angeles, (nominated by the Mayor);~~Commission for Children, Youth, and their Families;~~

14. Two representatives of the Children's Council Foundation;

15. Two Department Directors from the Children and Families' Well-Being cluster;

16. Two Department Directors from the Health and Mental Health Services cluster;

17. Two Department Directors from the Community and Municipal Services cluster;

18. Two Department Directors from the Public Safety cluster.

~~4. A member of the board of directors of the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce;~~

~~5. A representative of the Southern California Association for Philanthropy;~~

~~6. A member of the board of directors of the United Way of Greater Los Angeles;~~

~~7. A representative of the Commission for Children and Families;~~

~~8. A representative of the Inter-Agency Council on Child Abuse and Neglect;~~

~~9. A representative of the Policy Roundtable for Child Care;~~

~~10. A representative from the leadership of the service planning area council for Service Planning Area 1;~~

~~11. A representative from the leadership of the service planning area council for Service Planning Area 2;~~

~~12. A representative from the leadership of the service planning area council for Service Planning Area 3;~~

~~13. A representative from the leadership of the service planning area council for Service Planning Area 4;~~

~~14. A representative from the leadership of the service planning area council for Service Planning Area 5;~~

~~15. A representative from the leadership of the service planning area council for Service Planning Area 6;~~

~~16. A representative from the leadership of the service planning area council for Service Planning Area 7;~~

~~17. A representative from the leadership of the service planning area council for Service Planning Area 8;~~

~~18. A representative from the leadership of the American Indian Children' s Council;~~

~~19. A representative from the Association of Community and Human Service Agencies.~~

~~C. 12 members nominated by the children's planning council, subject to confirmation by the board of supervisors:~~

~~1. A member of the African-American community;~~

~~2. A member of the Asian/Pacific Islander community;~~

~~3. A member of the Latino community;~~

~~4. A member of the business community;~~

~~5. Two members of the youth community;~~

~~6. A member of a private, child serving organization;~~

~~7. A university researcher in the area of children and families;~~

~~8. Three parents, one of whom shall be a current or former foster parent/caregiver;~~

~~9. A member who has made significant contributions to the work of the children's planning council.~~

~~D.~~C. Each supervisor may nominate one member who is knowledgeable on children's issues.

SECTION 3. Section 3.69.060 is hereby amended to read as follows:

3.69.060 Staff.

The council shall be staffed, at a minimum, by one executive director, ~~and~~one office manager and one director of service planning area/American Indian Children's Council ~~executive assistant~~, ~~both of~~ who~~m~~ shall be hired, through contract or as

employees, by The Children's ~~Planning~~ Council Foundation, Inc. (formerly known as The Children's Planning Council Foundation, Inc.)

SECTION 4. Section 3.69.080 is hereby amended to read as follows:

3.69.080 Tenure of the Council.

On July 1, 20~~08~~09, and annually thereafter, the tenure of the ~~c~~Council will terminate unless, before that date, the ~~b~~Board of ~~s~~Supervisors makes the determination that the ~~c~~Council is still necessary and adopts a motion to continue the ~~c~~Council.

SECTION 5. Section 3.69.090 is hereby amended to read as follows:

3.69.090 Mission.

A. The mission of the Council shall be to ~~plan and~~promote the development, coordination and effective delivery of services and support for all children in Los Angeles County to effect their protection, healthy~~,~~ growth and development, as well as to advise the Board of Supervisors of the Council's findings and recommendations.

B. The work of the Council shall aim:

1. To support and preserve families;

2. To hasten the prevention of, early identification of, and early intervention to alleviate, problems relating to children;

3. To ensure that every child and family receive integrated, comprehensive and easily accessible services and support;

4. To affirm that community building work, through relationship-based organizing, and strengthening the capacity of communities to act on their own behalf are

necessary to achieve the county's five outcomes of child well-being;~~promote collaboration among all child-serving agencies, both private and public;~~

5. To p~~lan~~promote programs and services that are sensitive and responsive to a multicultural community;

6. To see to it that the growing numbers of children who live in poverty receive specific attention and intervention; and

7. To help impress on all adults their responsibility to ensure the development and well-being of children.

SECTION 6. Section 3.69.100 is hereby amended to read as follows:

3.69.100 Duties.

The duties of the Council shall be as follows:

A. To advise the Board of Supervisors regarding the ~~planning and~~ delivery of services to children in the county;

B. To study and report to the Board of Supervisors on ways to eliminate barriers to the prevention and early identification of problems of children and the provision of integrated services to help alleviate those problems;

C. To identify those areas where needed children's services are not being provided and to recommend to the Board of Supervisors allocation of existing funding and sources of additional funding to meet those needs;

D. To study and report to the Board of Supervisors ways to maximize the effective use of existing federal, state, county and private resources in providing children's services;

E. To promote collaboration among public and private child-serving agencies;

F. To support communities, parent, youth and neighborhood networks build the capacity to provide effective supports for their children and families;

~~F~~G. To develop and maintain a county-wide strategic action plan ("plan") to serve children which involves the entire community, including government agencies, schools, business leadership, academia and ~~all~~ civic and philanthropic groups serving children;

~~G~~H. To develop objectives and guidelines to measure the effectiveness of the plan in achieving its goals;

~~H~~I. To develop measurable standards of quality and accountability in the delivery of children's services; ~~and~~

~~I~~J. To evaluate and advocate positions on proposed legislation at all levels of government which, if enacted, would significantly affect the safety and welfare of the children~~.~~; and

K. To perform other such duties and responsibilities as assigned and delegated by the Board of Supervisors.

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