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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
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Dear Supervisors:

RECOMMENDATION TO UPDATE THE POLICY ROUNDTABLE FOR CHILD CARE ORDINANCE (ALL DISTRICTS AFFECTED) (3 VOTES)

SUBJECT

The Policy Roundtable for Child Care (Roundtable) was established by Board Order No. 14 of May 23, 2000, Ordinance No. 2000-0025, Chapter 3.75 of the Los Angeles County Code. In the 13 years since its adoption, there have been significant advancements in the understanding of early brain development and the life-long impact of trauma on young children, changes in public funding for child care and development services, increased emphasis on the importance of articulation between the early education and K-12 systems, and increased collaboration among County departments serving young children. Given these changes, the Chief Executive Office (CEO) and the Roundtable are recommending adoption of an updated Roundtable Ordinance as prepared by County Counsel. The updated ordinance includes modifying the name and mission of the Roundtable, the addition of policies regarding alternates, revised duties and responsibilities, and extends the sunset review date to June 30, 2016.

JOINT RECOMMENDATION THAT THE BOARD:

1. Adopt the attached Ordinance prepared by County Counsel, which updates the Policy Roundtable for Child Care Ordinance No. 2000-0025, Chapter 3.75 of the Los Angeles County Code to include the following changes:

   a) Change the name of the Roundtable to "Policy Roundtable for Child Care and Development";

   b) Incorporate the revised mission statement of the Roundtable;

c) Define the role of alternates in Roundtable meetings;

d) Update the Duties and Responsibilities section of the Ordinance; and

e) Extend the sunset review date to June 30, 2016.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Significant changes have occurred in neuroscience, education, and funding at the local, State and Federal levels since the adoption of the original Roundtable Ordinance in May 2000. The CEO and the Roundtable are recommending the adoption of the updated Ordinance as prepared by County Counsel. The requested changes to the Roundtable Ordinance will ensure the ongoing relevance of the Roundtable's work through June 30, 2016, the date of the next sunset review.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The Roundtable has advanced Strategic Plan Goal 3 – Integrated Services Delivery by:

- Monitoring State and Federal funding for child care and development services and providing recommendations to the Board of Supervisors directly and through the Chief Executive Office's Intergovernmental Relations and External Affairs.

- Identifying opportunities for County departments to connect to the child care and development sector for the purpose of facilitating access to those services.

- Leveraging resources for child care and development, housing, health, mental health and other services needed by families with children.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The proposed Ordinance changes do not have a fiscal impact on the County. Roundtable members are volunteers and serve without compensation.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The CEO and the Roundtable are requesting that the updated Roundtable Ordinance be adopted. The updated Ordinance includes the following changes:

1. Amends the name of the Policy Roundtable for Child Care to Policy Roundtable for Child Care and Development.

2. Incorporates the following Mission Statement:

   The Los Angeles County Policy Roundtable for Child Care and Development builds and strengthens child care and development services by providing recommendations to the Board of Supervisors on policy, systems, and infrastructure improvements.

3. Includes a Policy regarding alternates:

   - Organizational Representatives

     - Members nominated as representatives of a County of Los Angeles Department shall identify an alternate who can vote in the member's absence. In the event that both the member and alternate are unable to attend a Roundtable meeting, a non-voting departmental representative can attend the Roundtable meeting in their place to fulfill the attendance requirement.

     - Members nominated as representatives of non-County entities may identify an alternate to vote in the member's absence.

     - Members nominated by a member of the Board of Supervisors may not identify an alternate.

4. Replace the Duties and Responsibilities Section with the following:

   - Develop policy recommendations related to child care and development that are based on solid research, economic forecasts, projected demographic shifts and trends, and Federal and State policies, and take into account all forms of child care and development services.

   - Advise and assist County departments in developing and implementing strategies to connect clients and/or employees to high quality child care and development services.

   - In conjunction with the CEO, develop recommendations for consideration by the Board on County, State and Federal legislative and budget issues related to child care and development. The Roundtable shall work with community stakeholders so as to understand the impact of those issues on the supply, quality and demand for child care and development services.

   - Working in collaboration with County departments and community stakeholders, identify strategies to secure and leverage, coordinate, monitor and maximize funding for and access to high quality child care and development services.

- Develop, distribute in electronic format, and post on a County website, an annual report summarizing key issues, Roundtable recommendations, and Board actions.

A copy of County Counsel's Analysis and Ordinance are attached.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The Roundtable has established itself as an important body for policy development related to child care and development services in Los Angeles County. Among its accomplishments are:

- The Steps to Excellence Program (STEP), a child care quality rating and improvement system that was developed under the aegis of the Roundtable. Roundtable members continue to support STEP through participation in the Research Committee and outreach efforts.

- STEP positioned the County to receive Race to the Top – Early Learning Challenge Grant funding and to expand our efforts aimed at improving the quality of child care and development services in Los Angeles County. Roundtable members have provided critical guidance in the development of this program.

- Contributed to the development the Child Care Policy Framework adopted by the Board of Supervisors on January 6, 2009 and updated on March 29, 2011.

- In conjunction with the Child Care Planning Committee, contributed to the County legislative platform; monitored State and Federal legislation and budget issues; convened stakeholders to inform the analysis of various policy proposals; and developed and distributed impact statements.

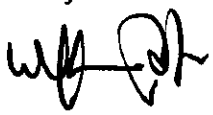
- Supported and strengthened County department connections to the child care and development sector for the purpose of facilitating client access to those services.

The child care and development sector in California has absorbed five consecutive years of funding reductions. We are cautiously optimistic that the State is moving out of its fiscal crisis and into a period where the emphasis will be on rebuilding our service infrastructure. The Roundtable is well positioned to advise the Board by identifying strategies to improve, streamline, and develop creative approaches to the development and integration of child care and development services.

CONCLUSION

The updated Ordinance will facilitate the operations of the Roundtable and focus its work on critical issues impacting child care and development supply, quality and access.

Respectfully submitted,



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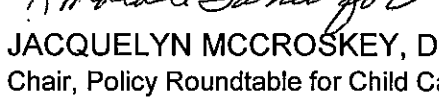

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Chair, Policy Roundtable for Child Care

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Attachment

c: Executive Office, Board of Supervisors
County Counsel

ANALYSIS

This ordinance amends Title 3 – Advisory Commissions and Committees of the Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 3.75, relating to the Policy Roundtable for Child Care by:

- Amending section 3.75.010 to change the name of the "Policy Roundtable for Child Care" to the "Policy Roundtable for Child Care and Development;"
- Amending section 3.75.020 to add a policy on alternates;
- Amending section 3.75.070 to extend the sunset review date to June 30, 2016;
- Amending section 3.75.090 to update the Roundtable's mission;
- Amending section 3.75.100 to modify the Roundtable's various duties and responsibilities.

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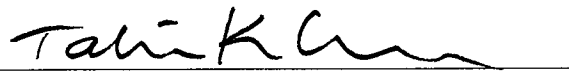
By 
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ORDINANCE NO. _____

An ordinance amending Title 3 – Advisory Commissions and Committees of the Los Angeles County Code, relating to the Policy Roundtable for Child Care.

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

SECTION 1. Section 3.75.010 is hereby amended to read as follows:

3.75.010 Creation.

There is created a Los Angeles County ~~policy roundtable for child care~~Policy Roundtable for Child Care and Development, hereinafter referred to as the "roundtable."

SECTION 2. Section 3.75.020 is hereby amended to read as follows:

3.75.020 Members.

The roundtable members shall be appointed by the ~~board of supervisors~~Board of Supervisors and shall consist of:

A. Chair of the ~~child care planning committee~~Child Care Planning Committee;

B. One representative nominated by each of the following entities:

1. Department of ~~public social services~~Public Social Services,
2. Department of ~~children and family services~~Children and Family Services,
3. Department of Mental Health,
4. Department of Probation,
5. Department of Public Health,
6. Chief ~~administrative office~~Executive Office,
7. Department of ~~parks and recreation~~Parks and Recreation,

8. Los Angeles County ~~office of education~~Office of Education,

9. Los Angeles Unified School District,

10. Child Care Alliance of Los Angeles, comprised of the ~~10~~ 8 state funded child care resource and referral agencies,

11. Southern California Association for the Education of Young Children,

12. Commission for Children and Families,

13. Los Angeles Children and Families First Proposition 10 Commission;

14. Los Angeles Universal Preschool;

C. One member from each of the following expert categories, with background, knowledge, expertise and/or experience in child care, early childhood education, or child development fields. Each member of the ~~board~~Board shall nominate a member from that category listed below assigned to the member of the ~~board~~Board by lottery conducted in a manner designated by the executive office of the ~~board~~Board:

1. Academia or research,

2. Private business sector,

3. Philanthropy,

4. Community or legal advocacy,

5. Child care;

D. Five members, one nominated by each member of the ~~board~~Board and selected from any of the following categories, with background, knowledge, expertise, and/or experience in child care, early childhood education, or child development:

1. Faith-based child care center operator,

2. Employer-supported child care center operator,

3. Family child care program operator,

4. Private or public child care center operator,

5. Child care advocate,

6. Parent,

7. Demographer,

8. Facilities finance expert,

9. Economist,

10. Labor representative,

11. CalWORKs participant,

12. Any person who is an expert in one of the expert categories set forth in Section 3.75.020 C.

E. Alternates:

1. Members appointed under subsection B of this section, as representatives of a County Department, shall identify an alternate who can vote in the member's absence. Members shall identify their alternate by completing the appropriate roundtable-approved alternate designation form in advance of the meeting at which the alternate may vote. In the event that both the member and the alternate are unable to attend a roundtable meeting, a non-voting departmental representative can attend the roundtable meeting in their place and the representative's attendance will count for quorum purposes.

2. Members appointed under subsection B, as representatives of non-County entities, may also identify an alternate to vote in the member's absence by completing the appropriate roundtable-approved alternate designation form in advance

of the meeting at which the alternate may vote.

3. Members appointed pursuant to subsections C and D of this section, shall not be able to identify an alternate to vote in the member's absence.

SECTION 3. Section 3.75.070 is hereby amended to read as follows:

3.75.070 Sunset review date.

The sunset review date for the roundtable shall be June 30, 2016~~2011~~.

SECTION 4. Section 3.75.090 is hereby amended to read as follows:

3.75.090 MISSION.

~~The mission of the roundtable is to serve as the official county body on all matters relating to child care, working in collaboration with the child care planning committee and the Children' s Planning Council, to build and strengthen the child care system and infrastructure in the county by providing policy recommendations to the board.~~

The mission of the Los Angeles County Policy Roundtable for Child Care and Development is to build and strengthen the field of child care and development by providing recommendations to the Board of Supervisors on policy, systems, and infrastructure improvement.

SECTION 5. Section 3.75.100 is hereby amended to read as follows:

3.75.100 Duties ~~Roles~~ and responsibilities.

The roundtable will have the following duties ~~roles~~ and responsibilities:

~~A. Develop a regional child care and development master plan for consideration by the board;~~

A. ~~B.~~ Develop ~~child care~~ policy recommendations related to child care and

development that are based on solid research, economic forecasts, projected demographic shifts and trends, and federal and state policies, taking into account all forms of child care~~,~~ and development services.~~including without limitation, faith-based, home-based, public, private, center-based, and employer-based;~~

~~C. Promote the coordination and integration of county-related child care, including all county departmental activity for employees and the public;~~

B. Advise and assist County departments in developing and implementing strategies to connect clients and/or employees to high quality child care and development services.

~~D. Work with the chief administrative office to develop recommendations for consideration by the board on state and federal legislation regarding child care;~~

C. In conjunction with the Chief Executive Office, develop recommendations for consideration by the Board on County, state and federal legislative and budget issues related to child care and development. The roundtable shall work with community stakeholders so as to understand the impact of those issues on the supply, quality and demand for child care and development services.

D. Working in collaboration with County departments and community stakeholders, indentify strategies to secure and leverage, coordinate, monitor and maximize funding for and access to high quality child care and development services.

~~E. Identify strategies to help coordinate, leverage, and maximize all child care funding streams in the county;~~

E. Develop, distribute in electronic format, and post on a County website, an annual report summarizing key issues, roundtable recommendations, and Board

actions.

~~F. Develop recommendations to promote universal access to child care and development services, including but not limited to services for preschool care;~~

~~G. Identify strategies and recommendations to include faith-based organizations in the provision of child care;~~

~~H. Designate a member to serve on the Children's Planning Council;~~

~~I. Conduct and distribute an annual evaluation, or "report card" of the roundtable's work; and~~

~~J. Make quarterly status reports to the board.~~

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