

**REVISED**

AGN. NO. 5

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GLORIA MOLINA AND  
SUPERVISOR MICHAEL ANTONOVICH

May 21, 2013

Among the most important responsibilities of the Board of Supervisors is ensuring the safety and well-being of the foster children within our care. The programs and fiscal integrity of our contractors are essential components of ensuring the safety of these children. Therefore, this Board must act expeditiously when irregularities are brought to its attention.

For the last decade, the Auditor-Controller has identified Teen Happy Homes, Incorporated--a Foster Family Agency and Group Home Foster Care Contractor--as having a series of significant and constant fiscal irregularities. Recognizing the sensitivity of these issues and concerns, the Department of Children and Family Services has placed the Teens Happy Homes, Incorporated Foster Family Agency on a 45-day hold status, preventing any new foster care referrals to the agency, pending further investigation. While this action is welcomed, it is not enough to ensure the safety and well-being of our foster youth currently placed with this agency.

Pursuant to ~~Section 16.4~~ of the County's Foster Family Agency and Group Home

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Contract Agreements with Teens Happy Homes, Incorporated Foster Family Agency, the County retains the right to suspend referrals of children to the Contractor by placing the contractor on a Do Not Refer Status when the County reasonably believes, among other concerns, that there are “issues of non-compliance with significant administrative/fiscal/programmatic requirement[s]” of ~~this contract~~.

WE, THEREFORE, MOVE, pursuant to the aforementioned provision of these Agreements, that the Board instruct the Director of the Department of Children and Family Services to immediately serve Teens Happy Homes, Incorporated Foster Family Agency with written notice of the intention of the County to immediately place the Foster Family Agency and Group Home contracts on a Do Not Refer status.

WE, FURTHER, MOVE that the Board instruct the Director of the Department of Children and Family Services to immediately terminate the Foster Family Agency and Group Home contracts with Teens Happy Homes, Incorporated Foster Family Agency ~~contract~~. The Director of the Department of Children and Family Services shall take all necessary actions to prevent the unnecessary displacement of the children.

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