

**MOTION BY SUPERVISORS HILDA L. SOLIS AND
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**AGN. NO. _____
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A recent change to the payment system that distributes funds to foster parents, group homes and youth in extended foster care has resulted in hundreds of missed payments. Consequently, foster parents are struggling to make ends meet for the children in their care, group homes are faced with a lack of funds to operate and youth are being pushed out of their apartments and onto the streets.

While the Department of Children and Family Services has taken steps to remedy this issue through increased staffing plans and communication with advocates, the problem remains and may be more widespread than known. Meanwhile, vulnerable children, youth and families are suffering. We must do more to reach a solution and timely distribute funds moving forward.

WE, THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Direct the Department of Children and Family Services to report in 7 days and every week thereafter until total resolution is achieved, via a confidential communication to County Counsel, in order that it may assess and evaluate potential County liability and respond to legal questions from this Board, on the following:

1. The root cause of the funding delays;
2. The steps taken thus far to resolve and distribute funds to foster parents, group homes and youth in extended foster care;
3. The resources necessary for total resolution; and
4. A plan to distribute all back pay by March 14, 2017.

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