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MOTION BY SUPERVISOR HILDA L. SOLIS

THP-Plus Housing Supplement Program: Expansion of Housing for Youth Formerly in Foster Care

When young people exit foster care, it can be challenging to find resources and housing opportunities, and when there are resources, they are often limited. The Transitional Housing Program Plus (THP-Plus) is one such resource, which has expanded in recent years at the direction of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors and the hard work of the Department of Children and Family Services. The THP-Plus has been a critical housing program for youth ages 18 to 25 years old who were formerly in foster care.

The State of California, Department of Housing and Community Development, issued an Allocation Acceptance form dated October 5, 2022, under the THP-Plus Housing Supplement Program for \$9 million as authorized by item 2240-102-0001 of section 2.00 of the Budget Act 2022 (Chapter 249 of the Statutes of 2022) and Chapter 11.9 (commencing with HSC 50820) of the Health and Safety Code.

The THP-Plus Supplement Program will be shared among participating counties to increase the monthly rates paid to THP-Plus providers in counties with high rental costs to ensure adequate funding is available to cover the cost of rent as well as comprehensive supportive services. The

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THP-Plus Housing Supplement Program will enable DCFS to increase the monthly rate to at least \$2,882 per youth, which will improve housing providers' ability to secure safe and quality housing units and offer services critical to assist with educational, employment, mental health, and independent living goals. Through this program, DCFS can also establish a higher rate for expectant and parenting youth participating in THP-Plus to ensure providers are able to offer more spacious and appropriate housing accommodations for these young families.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that in order to participate in the State of California Transitional Housing Plus (THP-Plus) Housing Supplement Program funding allocation, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors:

- 1) Approve the attached resolution authorizing DCFS to participate in the THP-Plus Housing Supplement Program and accept the funding allocation.
- 2) Instruct the Director of DCFS, or designee, to accept the funding for the THP-Plus Housing Supplement Program for Los Angeles County by submitting the approved resolution by the Board of Supervisors.
- 3) Delegate authority to the Director of DCFS, or designee, in consultation with County Counsel, to execute amendments to THP-Plus contracts to increase the maximum contract sum to distribute the new funding allocation to accommodate an increase in units of service, and to update THP-Plus contracts for necessary programmatic changes. Execution of amendments is contingent upon: a) County Counsel approval being obtained prior to execution of such amendments and b) DCFS notifying the Board and the Chief Executive Officer in writing within 10 business days of such amendment.

- 4) Delegate authority to the Director of DCFS, or designee, following receipt of funding, if granted, to implement the THP-Plus Housing Supplement Program with a specific rate for expectant and parenting youth.

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