



**PUBLIC REQUEST TO ADDRESS
THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA**

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			The following individuals submitted comments on agenda item:	
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14.		Favor	Brendan Weinhold	In addition to supporting ECE, I encourage the County Board of Supervisors to provide support to all the school districts in Los Angeles County. As we know, the state vastly underfunds our students. Please add budgetary support so that we can have more teachers per school, full-time nurses and librarians in our schools, and more support staff like vice-principals and aides. We need the state to provide more funding, but without it, we must also do what we can at the county level.
			Christina Pederson	Please approve as much funding as possible for education! School need more funds for teachers, in order to have smaller class room sizes (better for kids and teachers!), additional support staff, nurses, librarians, you name it. Kids matter. Show that you believe this.
			Gloria Davis	
			Gloria J Davis	<p>Greetings to the Honorable County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors,</p> <p>I am Gloria J. Davis, Executive Director of the Girls Club of Los Angeles, Policy Roundtable for Child Development Commissioner, and Member of the Early Learning Alliance and African American Provider Network.</p> <p>I support the honorable Supervisor Hilda L. Solis's motion "Supporting Early Care and Education Public Investments and Policies."</p> <p>Poverty among young children has increased. Black, Latinx, and other Californians of color, especially those with low income and children, are more likely to struggle paying for basic expenses. There is an insufficient supply of ECE spaces across Los Angeles County and the high cost of child care has become a crucial workforce issue across all sectors, particularly impacting working women.</p> <p>In addition, the current ECE reimbursement rates do not cover the full cost of operating ECE programs serving income eligible children. This directly affects not only the wages, but the number of early educators, as inadequate pay results in early educators being driven away from the field and dissuades new people from entering the ECE workforce.</p> <p>It is imperative that we support proposals that provide state funding to increase affordable child care options and increase the state's ECE reimbursement rate to a level that covers the true cost of care for young children.</p> <p>I hope you will support this cause that is crucial to ensuring a solid foundation for ECE, from the families to the providers. Thank you!</p>



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14.		Favor	Kelly Reynolds	<p>Early Edge California submits this comment in support of Item No. 14, "Supporting Early Care and Education Public Investments and Policies." Early Edge is a statewide organization that advocates for policies and investments in Early Learning and Care and is a proud member of the Early Care and Education (ECE) Coalition. Early Edge thanks Supervisor Solis for uplifting this issue and her commitment to ensuring our county's and state's youngest learners have access to high-quality care and education. Early Edge urges the County to uplift and support the following priorities as the Governor's Administration and State Legislature negotiate on a final budget agreement:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Funding for all 200,000 ECE spaces that was promised in the 2021-22 budget. In addition, we recommend the Legislature adopt Adoption of Trailer Bill Language with a timeline for the planned release of the remaining 81,000 spaces. At the current level of 119,000 spaces, the Governor is only meeting his promise by 59%. -The May Revision sweeps over \$1 billion allocated for ECE spaces from the last several budgets, including \$77 million in new ongoing federal funds. -Adoption of a timeline for implementing the Alternative Rate Methodology. The administration is not on track to adopt an Alternative Rate Methodology by June 2025, which pays providers for the actual cost of care. -Adoption of an ECE Reversion Account. This ensures that when the legislature allocates dollars for ECE spaces, the money stays in the ECE system even if the administration faces delays getting the dollars out the door. -Release the 27,000 CCTR spaces that were awarded to providers in December. Providers have already spent money to secure facilities and update classrooms because they received the award letters. <p>We understand the challenges and tough decisions facing policymakers as the state grapples with a budget deficit, yet we need to ensure that the budget prioritizes our most vulnerable communities. Early Edge, in partnership with the ECE Coalition, is committed to working with the Legislature and Governor to adopt additional budget solutions, such as utilizing reserves, new revenue, or distributing reductions more evenly across programs, to safeguard California's children, parents, and providers.</p>

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14.		Favor	Marcella McKnight	Requesting that slots and funding for 0-3 year olds be provided for Center base and home base programs to better support the need of our communities and families. EARLY CARE begins at age 0 and it is vitally important that this age group be provided the same opportunity and benefits of funding and slots as does 3-5 year olds. If the need for the educational gap is to be decreased, we MUST start with the earliest age group. ETK, TK and Universal Preschool in the LEA's has greatly diminished center base waiting lists, but the 0-3 waiting lists has increased tremendously. During COVID, Early Education/Childcare was noted to be of URGENCY and workers in the field were said to be "Essential Workers". Funding this age group is an essential need to the betterment of our community and to the overall workforce and Parents NEED care for their young ones specially 0-3 year old. Therefore we humbly request and recommend that funding and slots be re-instated and allotted for this age group.
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