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The following individuals submitted comments on agenda item:				
6.		Favor	Abeli Gudino	
			adriana aguilar	
			Adriana Cuestas	In favor of motion 6
			Adriana Luquin	My name is Adriana Luquin and I am the APSS Group and Mentor Supervisor with Five Acres. I strongly support Supervisors Barger and Horvath's motion to move forward county solutions and state level advocacy related to the FFA insurance crisis. I am deeply troubled by the FFA insurance crisis that could negatively impact the nearly 1,800 children served by FFAs in L.A. County today. Like many other community-based organizations, FFAs are being asked to do more with less. The County-level actions and state-level advocacy proposed in this motion are critical short-term steps that support FFAs in keeping their doors open to those they serve. Furthermore, if the underlying insurability problems go unaddressed, I am concerned that non-profit human services organizations will not be able to continue to step up to serve communities. I respectfully ask that Los Angeles County use all available resources to expediently implement the proposed short-term solutions and advocate for long-term solutions that will prevent the placement disruption and irrevocable loss of services for thousands of children and prevent this crisis from spreading across systems.
			Alison Herbst	



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6.		Favor	Amanda Cruse	<p>My name is Amanda Cruse, and I am the Home Study Specialist at Five Acre. I strongly support Supervisor Barger and Horvath's motion to move forward county solutions and state level advocacy related to the FFA insurance crisis. I deeply appreciate the Supervisors' recognition of the critical role Foster Family Agencies (FFAs) like ours play in serving the children and families of Los Angeles County. Alternate insurance options for some FFAs are emerging but these options are significantly more expensive. Our FFA is dedicated to finding a way to continue operating, but we cannot be sustained without access to alternate insurance and financial support in the short-term, and the resolution of the underlying uninsurability issues at the heart of this crisis in the long-term. The system continues to face the potential loss of high-quality experienced FFAs, and the nearly 1,800 children and families served by FFAs in L.A. County face the threat of disruption and trauma. Families choose to work with a foster family agency for the greater level of support that an agency can provide. Each year we recruit, train, assess, approve, and walk alongside our families to equip them to support the complex needs of the children who are placed in their care. We support them along the way so that the children who join their families are safe, well-cared for, and avoid disruptions and moves from home to home. The frequent visits from our agency social workers provide a higher-level of oversight for child safety and well-being. Foster family agencies are a crucial partner in the child welfare system and closing multiple agencies will have an impact on child safety moving forward. I respectfully ask the Board of Supervisors to approve this motion in order to maintain a robust continuum of care for the thousands of children and families.</p>
			Amber Rivas	<p>I am writing on behalf of Aviva Family &amp; Children's Services regarding a critical issue impacting the sustainability and effectiveness of Family and Foster Agencies (FFAs) across California: the rising costs of insurance premiums and the urgent need for financial support to help offset these burdens.</p> <p>Last year, we received a one-time 8% increase in funding—our first adjustment in over eight years. While welcome, this increase did not fully address the ongoing financial challenges we face. This year, resource parents received essential cost-of-living increases; however, our agencies did not receive similar adjustments. This disparity places immense strain on our ability to deliver quality care to the families and children who depend on us.</p> <p>As operational expenses and insurance premiums continue to climb, our agencies are under unprecedented financial pressure. Without additional support from our funding sources, we are forced to absorb these rising costs without any corresponding budget increases, leaving many FFAs struggling to maintain the high standards of service to which we are dedicated.</p> <p>Supporting FFAs with assistance for insurance premiums is more than just</p>



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	<p>financial aid—it is a vital investment in the well-being of vulnerable children and families. Alleviating these costs allows us to focus on our core mission: providing safe, supportive, and nurturing environments for those most in need.</p> <p>I strongly support Supervisors Barger and Horvath’s motion to advance county solutions and state-level advocacy related to FFAs. I deeply appreciate the Supervisors’ recognition of the essential role that Foster Family Agencies (FFAs) like ours play in serving children and families across Los Angeles County.</p> <p>Our quality of care is directly linked to our ability to attract and retain skilled staff, maintain safe facilities, and invest in essential resources for effective service. Without adequate financial support, we risk compromising the standards that define our work and fulfill our mission.</p> <p>I urge you to consider the critical importance of providing FFAs with insurance premium assistance. By doing so, you will not only support our agencies but also help ensure that we can continue to uplift the families and children who rely on us.</p> <p>Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter. I look forward to your response and collaborating toward a solution that sustains our commitment to those we serve.</p> <p>Warmly, Amber Rivas, MSW President &amp; CEO Aviva Family &amp; Children’s Services</p>
Amina Jones	
Ana E Larios	
Andrew E Crowell	<p>My name is Andrew Crowell, and I am currently serving on the Board of Directors of Five Acres. I strongly support Supervisors Barger and Horvath’s motion to move forward county solutions and state level advocacy related to the FFA insurance crisis. I am deeply troubled by the FFA insurance crisis that could negatively impact the nearly 1,800 children served by FFAs in LA County today. Like many other community-based organizations, FFAs are being asked to do more with less. The County-level actions and state-level advocacy proposed in this motion are critical short-term steps that support FFAs in keeping their doors open to those they serve. Furthermore, if the underlying insurability problems go unaddressed, I am concerned that non-profit human services organization will not be able to continue to step up to serve communities. I respectfully ask that Los Angeles County use all available resources to expediently implement the proposed short-term solution and advocate for long-term solutions that will prevent the placement disruption and irrevocable loss of services for thousands of children and</p>



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	<p>prevent this crisis from spreading across systems. Sincerely,</p> <p>Andrew E. Crowell Director, Five Acres</p>
Anisa S Khanmohamed	
Barnaby Murff	<p>My name is Barnaby Murff, and I am the CEO of Extraordinary Families, a leading Foster Family Agency (FFA) serving Los Angeles County for over 30 years. I strongly support Supervisors Barger and Horvath's motion to move forward county solutions and state level advocacy related to the FFA insurance crisis. I deeply appreciate the Supervisors' recognition of the critical role FFAs like ours play in serving the children and families of Los Angeles County. Alternate insurance options for some FFAs are emerging but these options are significantly more expensive. Our FFA is dedicated to finding a way to continue operating, but we cannot be sustained without access to alternate insurance and financial support in the short-term, and the resolution of the underlying uninsurability issues at the heart of this crisis in the long-term. The system continues to face the potential loss of high-quality experienced FFAs, and the nearly 1,800 children and families served by FFAs in L.A. County face the threat of disruption and trauma. FFAs like ours have the capacity to provide 24/7 support to children and families, provide individualized support and services, and offer robust workshops and peer mentors to recruit and retain resource families.</p> <p>I am deeply troubled by the possibility of losing agencies like Extraordinary Families. I respectfully ask the Board of Supervisors to approve this motion in order to maintain a robust continuum of care for the thousands of children and families.</p>
Billiejo LaBriola	
Bonnie Sharpe	<p>My name is Bonnie Sharpe, and I am the Director of Programs at Extraordinary Families. I strongly support Supervisors Barger and Horvath's motion to move forward county solutions and state-level advocacy related to the FFA insurance crisis. I deeply appreciate the Supervisors' recognition of the critical role Foster Family Agencies (FFAs) like ours play in serving the children and families of Los Angeles County. Alternate insurance options for some FFAs are emerging but these options are significantly more expensive. Our FFA is dedicated to finding a way to continue operating, but we cannot be sustained without access to alternate insurance and financial support in the short-term, and the resolution of the underlying uninsurability issues at the heart of this crisis in the long-term. The system continues to face the potential loss of high-quality experienced FFAs, and the nearly 1,800 children and families served by FFAs in L.A. County face the threat of disruption and trauma.</p>



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	I respectfully ask the Board of Supervisors to approve this motion in order to maintain a robust continuum of care for the thousands of children and families.
Brenda C Vasquez	
Bruce A Boardman	Social Model Recovery Systems provides behavioral health services to adults and adolescents throughout Los Angeles County. The most vulnerable population is the individuals who are in out of home placement. These individuals are already starting out with multiple challenges and vulnerabilities and are now going to be unhoused because of the lack of insurance for facilities. Please help us address the ongoing insurance crisis we face in our communities.
Cesar A Gomez	My name is Cesar Gomez and I am the division director of permanency program services at Five Acres FFA. I wholeheartedly support Supervisor Barger's and Supervisor Horvath's current motion that advances county efforts and state level advocacy to decisively address the FFA insurance crisis. I am thankful to the Board for its' recognition of the valuable contributions that FFAs make to promote safety and permanency for LA County foster children. My experience as a director and as a social work professional in the overall child welfare field informs my conviction that the Board's vital advocacy on behalf of FFAs at this time is justified by the meaningful differences that our FFAs make in the lives of the foster children entrusted into our care and to our amazing FFA resource families who open their hearts and their homes to those children. The loss of our FFA alone would adversely impact the current placements of more than thirty children and resource families as well as scores of future foster children on behalf of whom we will never be able to serve if our FFA is forced to close. I respectfully request the Board of Supervisors vote to endorse this motion to help Five Acres FFA and other FFAs to continue to make their organizational contributions towards sustaining a strong and viable continuum of care for our foster children and resource families.
Chanel Boutakidis	We need a sustainable solution for insurance that will protect foster youth programs. While this has started with FFA, this will likely impact other foster care programs such as residential care and even outpatient.
Charito Guerrero	My name is Charito Guerrero and I have worked in foster care for over 14 years. I have seen first hand how important our work is. Should FFA's be unable to operate, we are sacrificing quality of care. Due to the structure of FFA's, we are able to provide more personalized quality care to children, youth, and their families. Our works supports not just the families, but the county social workers who are overburdened with the high number of cases they have. Please, help us find a solution and partner with committed and experienced FFA's who want to continue to do this very challenging work.
Cheryllynne E Ofstedahl	Without a solution to the insurance issue, agencies like Trinity Youth Services will not be able to continue caring for our most vulnerable children. In a system where costs already outpace revenues, this situation could well be the death knell of the safety net for trauma affected children.



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Cindy E Cole	<p>My name is Cindy Cole and I am a Adoption Promotion and Support Services Case Manager. I strongly support Supervisors Barger and Horvath's motion to move forward county solutions and state level advocacy related to the FFA insurance crisis. I am deeply troubled by the FFA insurance crisis that could negatively impact the nearly 1,800 children served by FFAs in L.A. County today. Like many other community-based organizations, FFAs are being asked to do more with less. The County-level actions and state-level advocacy proposed in this motion are critical short-term steps that support FFAs in keeping their doors open to those they serve. Furthermore, if the underlying insurability problems go unaddressed, I am concerned that non-profit human services organizations will not be able to continue to step up to serve communities. I respectfully ask that Los Angeles County use all available resources to expediently implement the proposed short-term solutions and advocate for long-term solutions that will prevent the placement disruption and irrevocable loss of services for thousands of children and prevent this crisis from spreading across systems</p>
Cindy P Macias	<p>My name is Cindy Macias, I am the Division Chief for Foster Care, Adoption and Permanency. I strongly support Supervisors Barger and Horvath's motion to move forward county solutions and state level advocacy related to the FFA insurance crisis. I deeply appreciate the Supervisor's recognition of the critical role Foster Family Agencies like ours play in serving children and families of Los Angeles County. Alternate insurance options for some FFAs are emerging but these options are significantly more expensive. Our FFA is dedicated to finding a way to continue operating, but we cannot be sustained without access to alternate insurance and financial support in the short-term. The system continues to face the potential loss of high-quality experienced FFAs, and the nearly 1800 children and families served by FFAs in L.A. County face the threat of disruption and trauma. Our agency among many other FFAs provide ongoing support, and advocacy for children and youth in our care. I respectfully ask the Board of Supervisors to approve this motion in order to maintain a robust continuum of care for the thousands of children and families.</p>
Cristian O Palao	<p>My name is Cristian O. Palao, and I am the Finance Director at Nuevo Amanecer Latino Children's Services. I strongly support Supervisors Barger and Horvath's motion to move forward with county solutions and state-level advocacy related to the FFA insurance crisis. I deeply appreciate the Supervisors' recognition of the critical role Foster Family Agencies (FFAs) like ours play in serving the children and families of Los Angeles County. Alternate insurance options for some FFAs are emerging but these options are significantly more expensive. Our FFA is dedicated to finding a way to continue operating, but we cannot be sustained without access to alternate insurance and financial support in the short-term, and the resolution of the underlying uninsurability issues at the heart of this crisis in the long-term. The system continues to face the potential loss of high-quality experienced FFAs, and the nearly 1,800 children and families served by FFAs in L.A. County face the threat of disruption and trauma. I respectfully ask the Board of Supervisors to approve this motion in order to maintain a robust continuum of</p>



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	care for the thousands of children and families.
Cruz orona	My name is Cruz, and I am the Recruiting Counselor Supervisor. I strongly support Supervisors Barger and Horvath's motion to move forward county solutions and state level advocacy related to the FFA insurance crisis. I deeply appreciate the Supervisors' recognition of the critical role Foster Family Agencies (FFAs) like ours play in serving the children and families of Los Angeles County. Alternate insurance options for some FFAs are emerging but these options are significantly more expensive. Our FFA is dedicated to finding a way to continue operating, but we cannot be sustained without access to alternate insurance and financial support in the short-term, and the resolution of the underlying uninsurability issues at the heart of this crisis in the long-term. The system continues to face the potential loss of high-quality experienced FFAs, and the nearly 1,800 children and families served by FFAs in L.A. County face the threat of disruption and trauma. If possible, add specific examples to humanize/explain what a loss of FFAs means to the system. I respectfully ask the Board of Supervisors to approve this motion in order to maintain a robust continuum of care for the thousands of children and families. Thank you for your time
Cynthia Cazares	
Daniel S Maydeck	
Debbie Galo	
Elizabeth Gonzalez	My name is Elizabeth Gonzalez, and I am the Chief Program Officer for Five Acres. I strongly support Supervisors Barger and Horvath's motion to move forward county solutions and state level advocacy related to the FFA insurance crisis. I deeply appreciate the Supervisors' recognition of the critical role Foster Family Agencies (FFAs) like ours play in serving the children and families of Los Angeles County. Alternate insurance options for some FFAs are emerging but these options are significantly more expensive. Our FFA is dedicated to finding a way to continue operating, but we cannot be sustained without access to alternate insurance and the resolution of the underlying uninsurability issues at the heart of this crisis in the long-term. The system continues to face the potential loss of high-quality experienced FFAs, and the nearly 1,800 children and families served by FFAs in L.A. County face the threat of disruption and trauma. I respectfully ask the Board of Supervisors to approve this motion in order to maintain a robust continuum of care for the thousands of children and families.
Elizabeth oseguera	My name is Elizabeth Oseguera and I'm the Director of Policy at the CA Alliance of Children and Family Services. We represent over 160 nonprofit community-based organizations, including Foster Family Agencies (FFAs) that serve foster youth and families. We strongly support Supervisors Barger and Horvath's motion to move forward county solutions and state level advocacy related to the FFA insurance crisis. We deeply appreciate the Supervisors' recognition of the critical role FFAs play in serving the children and families of Los Angeles County.



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			<p>The solutions proposed in this motion displays immense leadership in this crucial time of need to support foster children and the families that help to care for them. We have created a comment letter, which we've attached, to help coordinate and leverage similar advocacy efforts by the CA Alliance and LA County. Within our comment letter we highlight:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Similarly, as your motion recommends, the CA Alliance hopes to work on state advocacy through a budget ask next year to help support creating a pool of state funding that FFAs could use to offset the higher cost of premiums for liability insurance, which have risen by hundreds of thousands of dollars more per year. We support LA county taking similar efforts at the local level and welcome your support in creating something similar for the state.</li> <li>2. We also applaud LA BOS for proposing to conduct a risk financing feasibility study, which the CA Alliance is also considering in pursuing. We welcome conversations with LA BOS to see if and how we can find synergy in our efforts and leverage each other's work. The CA Alliance is working with our board on discussing next steps and locating funding. We welcome your support.</li> <li>3. Under AB 161 that passed earlier this year, CDSS is required to create a cost analysis methodology to assess the costs of meeting the needs of foster youth. We are requesting that CDSS include the higher cost of liability insurance premiums within its cost analysis methodology for the FFA admin. Rate, since without liability insurance foster youth who've been harmed would not have a recourse for obtaining damages as they do today. The CA Alliance welcomes the support of LA's BOS in our advocacy.</li> </ol> <p>If FFAs close, foster children could end up in unlicensed settings such as offices, hotel rooms, and possibly ending up homeless. Thus, we respectfully ask the Board of Supervisors to approve this motion in order to maintain a robust continuum of care for the thousands of children and families that depend on FFA's for their crucial needs and supports.</p>
Elyse Mitchell			<p>My name is Elyse Mitchell, MSW, and I am the Resource Family Administrator at Nuevo Amanecer Latino Children Services. I strongly support Supervisors Barger and Horvath's motion to move forward county solutions and state level advocacy related to the FFA insurance crisis. I deeply appreciate the Supervisors' recognition of the critical role Foster Family Agencies (FFAs) like ours play in serving the children and families of Los Angeles County. Alternate insurance options for some FFAs are emerging but these options are significantly more expensive. Our FFA is dedicated to finding a way to continue operating, but we cannot be sustained without access to alternate insurance and financial support in the short-term, and the resolution of the underlying uninsurability issues at the heart of this crisis in the long-term. The system continues to face the potential loss of high-quality experienced FFAs, and the nearly 1,800 children and families served by</p>





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Erica Vorfeld	
Erick Bozikovic	My name is Erick, and I am a Resource Family Administrator at Nuevo Amanecer Latino Children's Services. I strongly support Supervisors Barger and Horvath's motion to move forward county solutions and state level advocacy related to the FFA insurance crisis. I deeply appreciate the Supervisors' recognition of the critical role Foster Family Agencies (FFAs) like ours play in serving the children and families of Los Angeles County. Alternate insurance options for some FFAs are emerging but these options are significantly more expensive. Our FFA is dedicated to finding a way to continue operating, but we cannot be sustained without access to alternate insurance and financial support in the short-term, and the resolution of the underlying uninsurability issues at the heart of this crisis in the long-term. The system continues to face the potential loss of high-quality experienced FFAs, and the nearly 1,800 children and families served by FFAs in L.A. County face the threat of disruption and trauma. I respectfully ask the Board of Supervisors to approve this motion in order to maintain a robust continuum of care for the thousands of children and families.
Estrella Lugo	
Eva M Terrazas	See attached letter.
Fabiola Arcos	
Gabriel Mendez	As a foster parent to a child that receives the highest level of care and services from a dedicated and responsive team at my FFA Five Acres, we couldn't do it without them and your continued support. FFA's in Los Angeles County provide high-quality, supportive services to nearly 2,000 children with some of the highest levels of need. We support the work of the Department of Children and Family Services to keep children safe and facilitate reunification when possible and permanency when not. The loss of high-quality, experienced FFAs throughout the County could result in disruption and trauma for many children and families. FAA's go above and beyond to provide love, resources, mental health services, group homes and trauma-informed care to many children and families to ensure their needs are met across all areas. I plead that you use whatever resources you have available to expediently identify and implement short and long-term solutions that will prevent disruption and loss of services for these children and families.
Heather Carrigan	I'm writing on behalf of Allies for Every Child in strong support of the motion introduced by Supervisors Barger and Horvath to address the Foster Family Agency (FFA) insurance crisis. Allies for Every Child has served youth in foster care for nearly 40 years, since our start as a foster care agency in 1987. While our work has evolved over time to also emphasize a host of strategies designed to prevent child welfare system involvement, we know



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that there's still a vital need for foster and adoptive parents to care for kids who aren't safe at home. Thanks to our unique approach, our foster family agency (FFA) has a single-placement permanency rate of 93% compared to the County and State permanency rates of 33%.

We carefully recruit, train, and support loving foster and adoptive parents who understand the needs of children in the foster care system and share our commitment to ensuring every child has the childhood they deserve. We intentionally seek culturally affirming families, families of color and LGBTQ+ families who reflect the diversity of the children and youth who are overrepresented in foster care; we also find families who are committed to keeping siblings together and parenting older youth.

Allies' unique multidisciplinary expertise and programs enable us to support foster youth and families in ways that the County simply cannot. Our staff includes licensed clinical professionals (pediatric occupational therapists, early childhood mental health therapists, nutritionists, public health nurses, etc.) who understand the traumatic impacts of childhood instability and being moved from home to home. Allies provides therapeutic support groups to children and families (directly with Allies clinicians and through our partnership with UCLA TIES for Families), educational advocacy, healthcare access, regional center services advocacy, and high-quality early education. Through our community partnerships with other organizations, we connect children and families to additional resources that support them with food and housing insecurity, substance abuse, domestic violence, etc.

LA's foster care system is the largest in the country—the loss of FFAs would directly increase the already unacceptable levels of instability and trauma faced by children and youth in this system. We know that children and youth who linger in foster care without the support, consistency, and unwavering commitment of a family face unacceptable odds and an incredibly high risk of homelessness.

The closure of LA County FFAs caused by the ongoing insurance crisis will exacerbate the instability and trauma experienced by children in foster care. This is why we strongly support Supervisors Barger and Horvath's motion to move forward solutions to the FFA insurance crisis.

Hortencia Sanchez

My name is Hortencia, and I am the UC Intake Coordinator at Nuevo Amanecer Latino Children's Service. I strongly support Supervisors Barger and Horvath's motion to move forward county solutions and state level advocacy related to the FFA insurance crisis. I deeply appreciate the Supervisors' recognition of the critical role Foster Family Agencies (FFAs) like ours play in serving the children and families of Los Angeles County. Alternate insurance options for some FFAs are emerging but these options are significantly more expensive. Our FFA is dedicated to finding a way to continue operating, but we cannot be sustained without access to alternate insurance and financial support in the short-term, and the resolution of the underlying uninsurability issues at the heart of this crisis in the long-term. The system continues to face the potential loss of high-quality experienced FFAs,



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Hugo Villa	<p>My name is Hugo Villa, and I am the CEO at The Village Family Services. I strongly support Supervisors Barger and Horvath's motion to move forward county solutions and state level advocacy related to the FFA insurance crisis. I deeply appreciate the Supervisors' recognition of the critical role Foster Family Agencies (FFAs) like ours play in serving the children and families of Los Angeles County. Alternate insurance options for some FFAs are emerging but these options are significantly more expensive. Our FFA is dedicated to finding a way to continue operating, but we cannot be sustained without access to alternate insurance and financial support in the short-term, and the resolution of the underlying insurability issues at the heart of this crisis in the long-term. The system continues to face the potential loss of high-quality experienced FFAs, and the nearly 1,800 children and families served by FFAs in L.A. County face the threat of disruption and trauma.</p> <p>I respectfully ask the Board of Supervisors to approve this motion in order to maintain a robust continuum of care for the thousands of children and families</p>
Ioakim Botuakidis	Foster care programs help foster youth to leave the system by safely reunifying with family or being adopted. If we lose these programs, we will only add to children who end up without permanency and homeless as they enter adult systems of care.
Isabel Rodriguez	
James M Schrage	My name is James M. Schrage, and I am the Founder & CEO of Families Uniting Families [FFA, Adoption & Project Fatherhood]. I strongly support Supervisors Barger and Horvath's motion to move forward county solutions and state level advocacy related to the FFA insurance crisis. I deeply appreciate the Supervisors' recognition of the critical role Foster Family Agencies (FFAs) like ours play in serving the children and families of Los Angeles County. Alternate insurance options for some FFAs are emerging but these options are significantly more expensive. Our FFA is dedicated to finding a way to continue operating, but we cannot be sustained without access to alternate insurance and financial support in the short-term, and the resolution of the underlying unisurability issues at the heart of this crisis in the long-term. The system continues to face the potential loss of high-quality experienced FFAs, and the nearly 1,800 children and families served by FFAs in L.A. County face the threat of disruption and trauma. If possible, add specific examples to humanize/explain what a loss of FFAs means to the system. I respectfully ask the Board of Supervisors to approve this motion in order to maintain a robust continuum of care for the thousands of children and families.
Janna Knight	My name is Janna Knight and I am a resource parent with 5Acres FFA. I



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	<p>strongly support Supervisors Barger and Horvath's motion that moves forward county solutions and state level advocacy related to the FFA insurance crisis. Working with my FFA has allowed me to open my family and home as a safe, caring setting for kids who need it most. Meeting the needs of these children requires additional help and guidance. For me, that has come in the form of the social workers and staff at 5Acres, who are available 24/7 to support my family. When we had two little boys placed with us, one with considerable health needs, 5Acres was with us every step of the way.</p> <p>I am deeply troubled by the possibility of losing agencies like 5Acres. Please implement any solutions that support FFAs remaining insured, now and into the future.</p>
Jay Allen	<p>My name is Jay Allen, and I am the President and CEO of Wayfinder Family Services. I strongly support Supervisors Barger and Horvath's motion to move forward with county solutions and state-level advocacy related to the FFA insurance crisis. I sincerely appreciate the Supervisors' recognition of the critical role Foster Family Agencies (FFAs) like ours play in serving the children and families of Los Angeles County. Alternate insurance options for some FFAs are emerging, but these options are significantly more expensive. Our FFA is dedicated to finding a way to continue operating. Still, we cannot be sustained without access to alternative insurance and financial support in the short term and the resolution of the underlying insurability issues at the heart of the crisis in the long term. The system continues to face the potential loss of high-quality experienced FFAs, and the nearly 1,800 children and families served by FFAs in L.A. County face the threat of disruption and trauma.</p> <p>Wayfinder Family Services is one of California's largest foster care and adoption agencies, providing services to over 150 children and youth annually in Southern and Northern California. Our foster care program also supports and services kinship resource parents and their relative children placed in their care. Today, FFA in L.A. County provides high-quality, supportive services to children with some of the highest levels of need. We have a unique and profound understanding of working with families and utilize our expertise to provide vital services. Foster Family Agencies (FFAs) are a critical component of the continuum of care for systems-involved youth. FFAs support the work of the Department of Children and Family Services to keep children safe, ameliorate the effects of system involvement, and facilitate reunification and permanency through a spectrum of services and supports available to families 24/7. This is a model of care that the current system cannot replicate. The loss of high-quality, experienced FFAs throughout the County could result in disruption and trauma for thousands of children and families. If the underlying insurability problems are unaddressed, I further worry that non-profit human services organizations will not be able to continue to step up to serve communities. I ask that you act now to identify and implement short and long-term solutions to the FFA insurance crisis that will prevent the placement disruption and irrevocable loss of services for thousands of children.</p>



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Jessica Magallanes	<p>My name is Jessica Magallanes and I am an adoptive parent with Five Acres Foster Family Agency. I strongly support Supervisors Barger and Horvath's motion that moves forward county solutions and state level advocacy related to the FFS insurance crisis. Working with my FFA allowed me to open my family and home as a safe, caring setting for kids who need it the most. Meeting the needs of the children in my care required years of additional help and guidance. For me, that came in the form of the social workers and staff of Five Acres, who were available 24/7 to support my husband and me in our Resource Parent certification and in placing children in our home. We are now blessed with two wonderful kids whom we adopted through the Five Acres Foster system, and our FFA advocated tirelessly for our family as we navigated the adoption process.</p> <p>I am deeply troubled by the possibility of losing agencies like Five Acres. I respectfully ask that you implement any solutions that support FFAs remaining insured, now and in the future. They are essential in caring for the most vulnerable children and in supporting families like mine. Thank you for your time.</p>
Jill Mattinson-Cruz	
Jodi Kurata	<p>On behalf of the Association of Community Human Service Agencies (ACHSA), whose membership includes 87 non-profit organizations serving individuals and communities throughout Los Angeles County, I am writing in strong support of this motion. Thank you, Supervisor Barger and Supervisor Horvath, for your bold follow through to implement solutions and initiate state level advocacy to address the Foster Family Agency insurance crisis, and thank you to the entire Board of Supervisors for your commitment and track record of supporting children and families.</p> <p>Foster Family Agencies are a critical component of the continuum of care for children in the child welfare system. In addition to recruiting, training, and approving resource parents, FFAs provide 24/7 support to resource families. They make sure that children are safe in resource family homes and partner with birth and resource families, children, and DCFS to navigate complex service systems. FFAs facilitate reunification, including supporting family visitation and birth parent-resource parent relationships, and, as dually licensed adoption agencies, achieve permanency for children who cannot reunify. DCFS is simply not equipped to support their approved resource parents in this same holistic way.</p> <p>Today, FFA resource families care for over 1,800 children in L.A. County. The loss of high-quality experienced FFAs in L.A. County, due to a loss of insurance, would result in disruption and trauma to thousands of children and families. Neither DCFS nor the remaining FFAs have the infrastructure and</p>



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			<p>capacity to fully absorb the resource parents who would be left without FFAs.</p> <p>Alternate insurance options for some FFAs are emerging but these options are significantly more expensive. Our FFAs are dedicated to finding a way to continue serving children and families, but they cannot be sustained without access to alternate insurance and financial support in the short-term, and the resolution of the serious underlying insurability issues at the heart of this crisis in the long-term. Looking into the future, it is important to understand that these underlying insurability problems must be addressed by the state to maintain FFAs and other community-based programs for children and families.</p> <p>ACHSA expresses gratitude to the Board of Supervisors for acknowledging this problem and stepping up to be part of the solutions, and we commit to supporting further efforts and advocacy that must take place to maintain the fragile continuum of care in L.A. County.</p>
		John H Reith	<p>My name is John Reith, and I am a former Board Chair at Five Acres. I strongly support Supervisors Barger and Horvath's motion to move forward county solutions and state level advocacy related to the FFA insurance crisis. I deeply appreciate the Supervisors' recognition of the critical role Foster Family Agencies (FFAs) like ours play in serving the children and families of Los Angeles County. Alternate insurance options for some FFAs are emerging but these options are significantly more expensive. Our FFA is dedicated to finding a way to continue operating, but we cannot continue without access to alternate insurance and financial support in the short-term, and the resolution of the underlying uninsurability issues at the heart of this crisis in the long-term. The system continues to face the potential loss of high-quality experienced FFAs, and the nearly 1,800 children and families served by FFAs in L.A. County face the threat of disruption and trauma.</p>
		Julio Velasquez	<p>It supports the foster care program.</p>
		Karriann Farrell Hinds	<p>My name is Karriann Farrell Hinds, and I serve as the Chief Strategy Officer at Vista Del Mar Child and Family Services. At Vista Del Mar, we operate a Foster Family Agency (FFA) that supports some of the nearly 1,800 children in Los Angeles County who depend on the foster care system. Vista Del Mar strongly supports Supervisors Barger and Horvath's motion to address the FFA insurance crisis by establishing county solutions and advancing state-level advocacy. This crisis is urgent and requires immediate action to ensure that the most vulnerable in our community—our foster youth—are not left without the high-quality care they deserve.</p> <p>While Vista Del Mar is one of the few FFAs fortunate to have secure insurance, many other agencies are struggling to obtain coverage, threatening the integrity of the foster care network across the county. If experienced, high-quality FFAs are forced to close their doors due to a lack of insurance, the ripple effects will be severe. The resulting gaps in care would</p>



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	<p>disrupt placements, increase trauma for the children who rely on these services, and undermine the entire child welfare system's ability to function effectively.</p> <p>Though some alternative insurance options are emerging for certain FFAs, these alternatives come at a much higher cost—costs that many agencies simply cannot absorb. For FFAs, the proposed county-level actions and state advocacy are not just helpful; they are critical. Without these measures, we risk not only a shortage of foster care placements but also an irreversible reduction in services for thousands of children in need. We urge Los Angeles County to implement the proposed short-term solutions with the utmost urgency and to advocate for long-term, sustainable remedies to ensure that the impact of this crisis does not spread further across our support systems. We deeply appreciate the Board of Supervisors' recognition of the essential role FFAs play in supporting children and families throughout LA County. We respectfully urge the Board to pass this motion, ensuring a strong, stable continuum of care that will safeguard the well-being of our county's children and families now and into the future.</p>
<p>Laura Braafladt</p>	
<p>Laura J De La Cruz</p>	
<p>Lawren Miller Askew</p>	
<p>Liesel Reinhart</p>	<p>I am a resource parent with 5 Acres. I strongly support Supervisors Barger and Horvath's motion that moves forward county solutions and state level advocacy related to the FFA insurance crisis. Working with my FFA has allowed me to open my family and home as a safe, caring setting for kids who need it most. Meeting the needs of the children in my care requires additional help and guidance. For me, that has come in the form of the social workers and staff of 5 Acres, who are available 24/7 to support my family through the big and small challenges that arise. My kids need therapeutic services and support reaching independence. My kids experienced abuse when under DCFS care without an FFA. Older kids especially need support and parents need help dealing with their very complex emotional challenges. I am deeply troubled by the possibility of losing agencies like 5 Acres .I respectfully ask that you implement any solutions that support FFAs remaining insured, now and into the future, so they can continue to support families like mine.</p>
<p>Lorraine Romero</p>	<p>My name is Lorraine Romero, and I am the Executive Director at Victor Treatment Centers-Pomona. I strongly support Supervisors Barger and Horvath's motion to move forward county solutions and state level advocacy related to the FFA insurance crisis. I deeply appreciate the Supervisors' recognition of the critical role Foster Family Agencies (FFAs) like ours play in</p>



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Luigi Grimaldi-Evangelista	See attached letter
Martha Martinez	
Mary Margaret Perona	
Melissa Powers	
Melvin Clark	The matter of increased insurance costs will hurt how Five Acres will provide services for children in the future. Please consider all potential solutions regarding insurance costs so that Five Acres can continue to serve children in their Foster Care program.
Michael Francesconi	
Michelle Schafer	
Miguel Fernandez	<p>My name is Miguel A Fernandez, and I am the Intake Coordinator at Nuevo Amanecer Latino Children Services. I strongly support Supervisors Barger and Horvath's motion to move forward county solutions and state level advocacy related to the FFA insurance crisis. I deeply appreciate the Supervisors' recognition of the critical role Foster Family Agencies (FFAs) like ours play in serving the children and families of Los Angeles County.</p> <p>Alternate insurance options for some FFAs are emerging but these options are significantly more expensive. Our FFA is dedicated to finding a way to continue operating, but we cannot be sustained without access to alternate insurance and financial support in the short-term, and the resolution of the underlying un-insurability issues at the heart of this crisis in the long-term. The system continues to face the potential loss of high-quality experienced FFAs, and the nearly 1,800 children and families served by FFAs in L.A. County face the threat of disruption and trauma. If possible, add specific examples to humanize/explain what a loss of FFAs means to the system. I respectfully ask the Board of Supervisors to approve this motion in order to maintain a robust continuum of care for the thousands of children and families.</p>
Mirella Garcia	<p>My Name is Mirella Garcia, and I am the Intake &amp; Approval Specialist for Five Acres FFA. I strongly support Supervisors Barger Horvath's motion to move forward county solutions and state level advocacy related to the FFA insurance crisis. I deeply appreciate the Supervisors' recognition of the critical</p>





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Myron Quon	<p>My name is Myron Dean Quon, Esq., and I am a recovering resource parent. I strongly support Supervisors Barger and Horvath's motion that moves forward county solutions and state-level advocacy related to the FFA insurance crisis.</p> <p>I am deeply troubled by the possibility of losing FFA agencies. I respectfully ask that you implement any solutions that support FFAs remaining insured, now and into the future, so they can continue to support families like mine</p> <p>My name is Myron Dean Quon, Esq., and I am a resource parent who did foster-to-adopt of our two boys. Although we did not work with a FFA, we know many other resource parents who did and we support FFAs. In particular, we had more than 4 years of terrible experiences with various bureaucrats who did shoddy work for DCFS and failed to center the needs of our children. The mistreatment ranged from treating them like pieces of paper to seeking to bully us and misrepresent DCFS in order to force an adoption under their timeline. Other issues included poorly supervised visits with the bio parents to the inability to support us in our foster to adoption needs. DCFS failed repeatedly - our fellow resource parents working with FFAs fared much better because the FFAs are experts in this area, and can prevent typical DCFS bureaucrats from misbehaving. Seriously, we dealt with more than a dozen "social workers" from DCFS. They were not well trained and they</p>



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			<p>ranged from rude to manipulative to homophobic. The high turnover was also stressful.</p> <p>We actually still see them occasionally, since we did a guardianship. They continue to have no common sense, act like they are in a rush, and fail to center the needs of our kids (for example, hoping to ask our kid about his sexual behavior, although he is special needs and cannot comprehend those questions. Yet this person clearly felt pressure to check a box and moved forward and failed. And did not consider possible trauma from this line of questioning. A complete social work fail.) One last example of DCFS staff failing our children: we chose adoption as well as guardianship for our boys (the older did not want to lose his legal connection to his bio parents). Yet DCFS staff sought to lie and trick us into choosing the same path (adopt both or guardianship for both). We are fortunate that the Children's Law Center provided an independent and experienced social worker to call out these lies and force all the bureaucrats to back off and prioritize the needs of our children. She noted that they behaved like there was a kickback in their behavior, despite the clear love and family we had created over the years. She at least silenced them, although they clearly have neither shame nor changed behavior, after her calling them out at the CFT meeting.</p> <p>Therefore, I strongly support Supervisors Barger and Horvath's motion calling for county solutions and state level advocacy related to the FFA insurance crisis. FFAs ultimately help the children in the foster care system. Without them, I fear for children in the DCFS system and the resource parents who will have to deal with DCFS bureaucrats without FFAs to keep the children better off.</p>
	Norma B Lerner		<p>My name is Norma Lerner , and I am the Nuevo Amanecer Latino Children's Services.. I strongly support Supervisors Barger and Horvath's motion to move forward county solutions and state level advocacy related to the FFA insurance crisis. I deeply appreciate the Supervisors' recognition of the critical role Foster Family Agencies (FFAs) like ours play in serving the children and families of Los Angeles County. Alternate insurance options for some FFAs are emerging but these options are significantly more expensive. Our FFA is dedicated to finding a way to continue operating, but we cannot be sustained without access to alternate insurance and financial support in the short-term, and the resolution of the underlying uninsurability issues at the heart of this crisis in the long-term. The system continues to face the potential loss of high-quality experienced FFAs, and the nearly 1,800 children and families served by FFAs in L.A. County face the threat of disruption and trauma. I respectfully ask the Board of Supervisors to approve this motion in order to maintain a robust continuum of care for the thousands of children and families.</p>
	Ofelia Medina		<p>My name is Ofelia Medina, and I am the Director of Operations at NALCS FFA. I strongly support Supervisors Barger and Horvath's motion to move forward county solutions and state level advocacy related to the FFA insurance crisis. I deeply appreciate the Supervisors' recognition of the critical</p>



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Paulina Saravia	
Penina Frager	<p>My name is Penina Frager, and I am the Executive Assistant to the CEO at Five Acres. I strongly support Supervisors Barger and Horvath's motion to move forward county solutions and state level advocacy related to the insurance crisis. I deeply appreciate the Supervisors' recognition of the critical role Foster Family Agencies (FFAs) like ours play in serving the children and families of Los Angeles County. Alternate insurance options for some FFAs are emerging but these options are significantly more expensive. Our FFA is dedicated to finding a way to continue operating, but we cannot be sustained without access to alternate insurance and financial support in the short-term, and the resolution of the underlying uninsurability issues at the heart of this crisis in the long-term. The system continues to face the potential loss of high-quality experienced FFAs, and the nearly 1,800 children and families served by FFAs in L.A. County face the threat of disruption and trauma.  I respectfully ask the Board of Supervisors to approve this motion in order to maintain a robust continuum of care for the thousands of children and families.</p>
Peter Gee	<p>My name is Peter Gee, Director of Service Programs at Little Tokyo Service Center and the FFAs play an important role in our human services system. I strongly support Supervisors Barger and Horvath's motion to move forward county solutions and state level advocacy related to the FFA insurance crisis. I am deeply troubled by the FFA insurance crisis that could negatively impact the nearly 1,800 children served by FFAs in L.A. County today. Like many other community-based organizations, FFAs are being asked to do more with less. The County-level actions and state-level advocacy proposed in this motion are critical short-term steps that support FFAs in keeping their doors open to those they serve. Furthermore, if the underlying insurability problems go unaddressed, I am concerned that non-profit human services</p>



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	<p>organizations will not be able to continue to step up to serve communities. I respectfully ask that Los Angeles County use all available resources to expediently implement the proposed short-term solutions and advocate for long-term solutions that will prevent the placement disruption and irrevocable loss of services for thousands of children and prevent this crisis from spreading across systems.</p>
Ron Brown	<p>My name is Ron Brown, Ph.D., and I am the President and CEO of All For Kids (formerly known as the Children’s Bureau of Southern California). I strongly support Supervisors Barger and Horvath’s motion to move forward county solutions and state level advocacy related to the FFA insurance crisis. I deeply appreciate the Supervisors’ recognition of the critical role Foster Family Agencies (FFAs) like ours play in serving the children and families of Los Angeles County. Alternate insurance options for some FFAs are emerging but these options are significantly more expensive.</p> <p>Our agency is dedicated to ensuring FFAs throughout California can continue operating, but that will not be possible without access to alternate insurance and financial support in the short-term, and the resolution of the underlying insurability issues at the heart of this crisis in the long-term. The system continues to face the potential loss of high-quality experienced FFAs, and the nearly 1,800 children and families served by FFAs in L.A. County face the threat of disruption and trauma.</p> <p>I respectfully ask the Board of Supervisors to approve this motion in order to maintain a robust continuum of care for the thousands of children and families.</p>
Roxanna Borjon	I strongly support this action.
Rushmore Cervantes	<p>My name is Rushmore Cervantes, and I am the Interim Chief Executive Officer at Optimist Youth Homes and Family Services. I strongly support Supervisors Barger and Horvath’s motion to move forward county solutions and state level advocacy related to the Foster Family Agencies (FFAs) insurance crisis. I appreciate the Supervisors’ recognition of the critical role FFAs like ours play in serving the children and families of Los Angeles County.</p> <p>Alternate insurance options for some FFAs are emerging but these options are significantly more expensive. Our FFA is dedicated to finding a way to continue operating, but we cannot be sustained without access to alternate insurance and financial supporting the short-term, and the resolution of the underlying uninsurability issues at the heart of this crisis in the long-term. The system continues to face the potential loss of high-quality experienced FFAs, and the nearly 1,800 children and families served by FFAs in L.A. County face the threat of disruption and trauma. I respectfully ask the Board of Supervisors to approve this motion in order to maintain a robust continuum of care for the thousands of children and families.</p>
Samuel Pedersen	My name is Sam Pedersen, and I am a resource parent with Five Acres. I



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Sandro Villa	<p>My name is Sandro Villa, and I am the President and CEO of Inner Circle Foster Care &amp; Adoption Services. I strongly support Supervisors Barger and Horvath's motion to move forward county solutions and state level advocacy related to the FFA insurance crisis. I deeply appreciate the Supervisors' recognition of the critical role Foster Family Agencies (FFAs) like ours play in serving the children and families of Los Angeles County. Alternate insurance options for some FFAs are emerging but these options are significantly more expensive. Our FFA is dedicated to finding a way to continue operating, but we cannot be sustained without access to alternate insurance and financial support in the short-term, and the resolution of the underlying insurability issues at the heart of this crisis in the long-term. The system continues to face the potential loss of high-quality experienced FFAs, and the nearly 1,800 children and families served by FFAs in L.A. County face the threat of disruption and trauma.</p> <p>I respectfully ask the Board of Supervisors to approve this motion in order to maintain a robust continuum of care for the thousands of children and families.</p>
Scarlett Munoz	
Sil Orlando	<p>As a retired long-term CEO of Optimist Youth Homes &amp; Family Services and the associate director of Vista Del Mar, both organizations with Foster Family Agencies, I strongly support Supervisors Barger and Horvath's motion moving forward possible county solutions as well as state advocacy to help solve the FFA insurance crisis. I know for a fact that most FFA's cannot afford the huge premium increases that are looming assuming they can even get insurance. This means that most will be forced to close at a time when FFA services are needed more than ever especially with the reduction of children sent to residential treatment facilities in this state. That means thousands of children statewide spending more time in County offices and even worse, on the streets. This motion can go a long way towards solving the crisis. As a retired professional I have no skin in the game except to help these children and youth continue to receive the services they so desperately need. Thank you.</p>
Stacey R Roth	My name is Stacey Roth and I am the CEO for Hillside/Bienvenidos.



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	<p>Bienvenidos has been providing foster care services to LA County for over 40 years. I strongly support Supervisor's Horvath and Barger's motion that expedites county solutions and state level advocacy for the FFA insurance crisis. I fear that many organizations like Bienvenidos will have to close its doors as the current options for FFA insurance have become way too expensive to not incur a large deficit. It saddens me to think about all of the children who will lose their loving caretakers and will yet be traumatized again by having to move to another home. Considering LA has the largest child protection agency in the world, it is crucial that we support the supervisors' plans. It is our responsibility to help and protect our most vulnerable versus allowing a statewide law to ruin their possibility of a forever home. I respectfully ask the Board of Supervisors to approve this motion in order to maintain a robust continuum of care for the thousands of children and families in LA. Thanks you very much for reading this.</p>
Stephanie Cruz	
Taylor Garcia	
Theonita Bowman Bowman	<p>My name is Theonita Bowman, and I am a case manager at APSS. I strongly support Supervisor Barger and Horvath's motion to move forward county solutions and state level advocacy to the FFA.</p>
Theresa Foster	<p>My name is Theresa Foster, I am the Chief Program Officer at Dimondale Adolescent Care Facility. I strongly support Supervisors Barger and Horvath's motion to move forward county solutions and state level advocacy related to the FFA insurance crisis. I deeply appreciate the Supervisors' recognition of the critical role Foster Family Agencies (FFAs) like ours play in serving the children and families of Los Angeles County. Alternate insurance options for some FFAs are emerging but these options are significantly more expensive. Our FFA is dedicated to finding a way to continue operating, but we cannot be sustained without access to alternate insurance and financial support in the short-term, and the resolution of the underlying un-insurability issues at the heart of this crisis in the long-term. The system continues to face the potential loss of high -quality experienced FFAs, and the nearly 1,800 children and families served by FFAs in L.A. County face the threat of disruption and trauma. I respectfully ask th</p>
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Veronica Covarrubias- Palacios	<p>My name is Veronica Covarrubias-Palacios and I am a clinical social worker. I provide mental health services to youth in foster care. I strongly support Supervisors Barger and Horvath's motion to move forward county solutions and state level advocacy related to the FFA insurance crisis. I am deeply troubled by the FFA insurance crisis that could negatively impact the nearly 1,800 children served by FFAs in L.A. county today. Like many other community-based organizations, FFAs are being asked to do more with less. The county-level actions and state-level advocacy proposed in this motion are critical short-term steps that support FFAs in keeping their doors open to those they serve. Furthermore, if the underlying insurability problems go</p>



**PUBLIC REQUEST TO ADDRESS  
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	<p>unaddressed, I am concerned that non-profit human services organizations will not be able to continue to step up to serve communities. I respectfully ask that Los Angeles County use all available resources to expediently implement the proposed short-term solutions and advocate for long-term solutions that will prevent the placement disruption and irrevocable loss of services for thousands of children and prevent this crisis from spreading across systems.</p>
<p>Veronica Vasquez</p>	
<p>Virginia Nunez</p>	
<p>Wendy Wang</p>	<p>Honorable Board of Supervisors, Sycamores writes to convey its support for the "Foster Family Insurance Crisis County Implementation Plan" motion co-authored by Supervisors Barger and Horvath. We appreciate the Board's anticipated action on this urgent issue since the passage of the initial motion on the Foster Family Agency Insurance Crisis on September 24, 2024. As a result of the non-renewal coverage notice issued by NIAC to Sycamores regarding its Foster Family Agency (FFA), the skyrocketing premium costs quoted by other insurance carriers if we were to continue to operate our FFA, and consideration of insurance coverage for the totality of programs operated by our entire organization, we made the heart wrenching decision to cease operations of our Foster Family Agency. This existential crisis facing all Foster Family Agencies remains a deep concern to Sycamores given the implications for thousands of youth and families. An immediate fix and long-term solution are necessary to preserve the capacity of family-based settings for youth and caregivers. Although this motion is focused on FFAs, without strengthening components along the entire continuum of care, it will continue to be challenging to meet the individualized needs of each foster youth. We support the Board of Supervisors' leadership to direct the Chief Executive Office to advocate with the State to identify tangible solutions and take any additional action(s) so the State can achieve its full vision for the Continuum of Care Reform (CCR) and rate reform in foster care effective 2027. If the State chooses to maintain the "status quo" and take no further action to address the existential insurance crisis confronting Foster Family Agencies, it will undermine its ongoing efforts to provide appropriate care and supports for youth and families whom the State has the ultimate duty to protect.</p>
<p>Yolanda M Valdez</p>	<p>My name is Yolanda Valdez, and I am Resource Family Coordinator at Nuevo Amanecer Latino Childre's Services. I strongly support Supervisors Barger and Horvath's motion to move forward county solutions and state level advocacy related to the FFA insurance crisis. I deeply appreciate the Supervisors' recognition of the critical role Foster Family Agencies (FFAs) like ours play in serving the children and families of Los Angeles County. Alternate insurance options for some FFAs are emerging but these options are significantly more expensive. Our FFA is dedicated to finding a way to continue operating, but we cannot be sustained without access to alternate insurance and financial support in the short-term, and the resolution of the</p>

				underlying uninsurability issues at the heart of this crisis in the long-term. The system continues to face the potential loss of high-quality experienced FFAs, and the nearly 1,800 children and families served by FFAs in L.A. County face the threat of disruption and trauma. If possible, add specific examples to humanize/explain what a loss of FFAs means to the system. I respectfully ask the Board of Supervisors to approve this motion in order to maintain a robust continuum of care for the thousands of children and families.
		<b>Oppose</b>	Thomas Woolsey	
		<b>Item Total</b>	<b>90</b>	
<b>Grand Total</b>			<b>90</b>	





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November 11, 2024

Dear Board of Supervisors-

**November 6<sup>th</sup> BOS Agenda Number 6: Foster Family Agency Insurance Crisis Analysis**

On behalf of Pacific Clinics, I write in support of Supervisor Barger's follow-up to the September 24, 2024, motion to pursue local and state level solutions to the FFA insurance crisis.

Specifically, Supervisor Barger is recommending three layers of solutions by directing:

- DCFS to find funding for increased FFA insurance premiums, as well as a process to disburse;
- CEO to consider adjusting the County insurance requirements and to conduct a risk financing feasibility study; and
- CEO-Legislative Affairs to advocate that the state cover the increased insurance costs in the new foster care rates and step in as the insurer of last resort.

Pacific Clinics is pleased to support Supervisor Barger's proposals to assess possible solutions to the devastating insurance challenges FFAs are experiencing.

If you have any questions regarding our support, please contact Eva M. Terrazas, Chief Public Policy Officer, at [eva.terrazas@pacificclinics.org](mailto:eva.terrazas@pacificclinics.org) or 408.621.1335.

Sincerely,

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