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January 14, 2025

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**REQUEST TO EXECUTE A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 CALIFORNIA  
ALTERNATIVE PAYMENT PROGRAM GRANT FUNDING FROM THE CALIFORNIA  
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES FOR THE PROVISION OF CHILD CARE SERVICES  
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)**

**SUBJECT**

Request the Chair to approve, adopt, and execute a Resolution certifying approval of the Board, authorizing the Director, as designee, of the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) to accept, sign, and execute future California Alternative Payment Program (CAPP) Agreements with the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) for funding to subsidize the DCFS' Child Care Program for children under the supervision of DCFS; and authorize the Director, as designee of DCFS, to complete, accept, sign, and forward to CDSS the amendments and continued funding applications for CAPP funding for Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-2026.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:**

1. Approve, adopt, and instruct the Chair to execute the Resolution (Attachment A). The Resolution certifies your Board's approval for the Director of DCFS, as designee, to: (a) submit applications to CDSS for FY 2025-2026 CAPP funding; (b) accept, sign, and execute Agreements with CDSS to accept CAPP funding for FY 2025-2026.
2. Authorize the Director of DCFS, as designee, to complete, sign, and forward to CDSS the CAPP Resolution, and accept funding for FY 2025-2026 and subsequent CDSS funding agreement documents for 2025-2026.
3. Delegate authority to the Director of DCFS as designee, to sign and execute the CDSS Resolution (Attachment A) to receive FY 2025-2026 CAPP funding, and to sign subsequent amendments for FY 2025-2026 and CDSS Agreement documents for FY 2025-2026 CAPP funding, and to increase or

decrease the amount of such funding, provided that: (a) CAPP funding is available through CDE; (b) Chief Executive Office (CEO) notification is obtained prior to executing amendments to the CDSS CAPP Agreement to receive FY 2025-2026 funding; and (c) the Director of DCFS as designee, notifies your Board and the CEO in writing within ten working days of executing the CDSS CAPP Agreement and subsequent annual and mid-year amendments.

### **PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

The recommended actions will allow DCFS to accept FY 2025-2026 CAPP funding and apply for FY 2025-2026 funding amendments to continue DCFS' Child Care Program for children under its supervision who are at risk of abuse or neglect.

Child care is made available to children who have been assessed to be at potential risk of abuse or neglect. This care is provided to children who are with their birth parents or are in first-time placements with relatives. The goal of DCFS' Child Care Program is to ensure the child's safety and to assist in avoiding out-of-home placements. This program provides a safety net for the children who are at risk of abuse or neglect and placed with birth parents or relatives.

Without approval of the recommended actions, DCFS would not be able to provide child care services to eligible children and families, and would result in the loss of State and Federal funding for FY 2025-2026 and subsequent funding for FY 2025-2026.

### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

The recommended actions are consistent with the principles of the Countywide Strategic Plan Goal Five: Children and Families' Well Being. The recommended actions will allow continued access to subsidized child care for children at risk of abuse or neglect and allow for full utilization of available funding.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

Under the CDSS CAPP Agreement, the County provides \$170,019 annually for Maintenance of Effort, which will be net County cost and is also subject to change for the current and subsequent fiscal years. The CDSS CAPP Agreement also provides for 100% reimbursement of administrative cost, provided that total CAPP expenditures do not exceed the annual allocation. Funding for FY 2025-2026 will be included in the Department's annual budget request.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

On January 23, 2024, your Board approved a Resolution and delegated authority to the DCFS Director to sign an agreement, and subsequent amendments, with CDE to receive CAPP funding to subsidize child care services for fiscal years 2024-2025. A new Resolution is required to delegate the current Director as designee of DCFS to accept funding for FY 2025-2026. The CDSS CAPP Agreement allows DCFS to receive CAPP funding to provide child care for FY 2025-2026 by amendment. DCFS' Child Care Program provides a safety net for the children who are at risk of abuse or neglect and placed with relatives for the first time.

The terms and conditions of the CDSS CAPP Agreement, once published, are located online at

<http://www.cde.ca.gov/fg/aa/cd>, as referenced in the document. The State normally issues to California counties the CDSS CAPP Agreement, or amendments thereto, along with related material, by June of each year for a July 1st implementation date. The State is aware that the clearance and approval timelines for both the State and the County will result in executing the CDSS CAPP Agreement, or its amendments, after the implementation date. The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance number for CAPP is 93.596.

The CDSS CAPP Agreement is not a services contract.

### **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

Acceptance of the CAPP funding will enable DCFS to continue to meet the child care needs of parents and relative caregivers served by DCFS. The CDSS CAPP Agreement will allow DCFS to continue to provide child care services in FY 2025-2026.

### **CONCLUSION**

Upon approval and execution of this contract by the Board, it is requested that the Executive Officer/Clerk of the Board send one original and one copy of the Resolution, to:

1. California Department of Social Services  
744 P Street, M.S. 9-8-360  
Sacramento, CA 95814

And, one adopted stamped copy of this Board letter and attachments to:

2. Children and Family Services  
Attn: Cynthia McCoy-Miller  
Senior Deputy Director  
510 S. Vermont Avenue  
Los Angeles, CA 90020

3. Children and Family Services  
Attn: Jennifer Hottenroth  
Division Chief  
510 S. Vermont Avenue  
Los Angeles, CA 90020

4. Auditor-Controller  
Accounting Division  
Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
Room 603  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

The Honorable Board of Supervisors

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Brandon T. Nichols', written in a cursive style.

BRANDON T. NICHOLS

Director

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Enclosures

c: Chief Executive Officer  
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors  
County Counsel