

AGN. NO.

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MOTION BY SUPERVISORS LINDSEY P. HORVATH AND HILDA L. SOLIS

Requesting LACOE Presentation on Head Start and Federal Policy Changes

Head Start is a comprehensive prenatal-to-five early learning program that gives children and families a springboard to success in school and life. It is a proven mechanism for advancing economic opportunity, reducing poverty, and improving long-term outcomes¹ by giving parents the opportunity to rejoin the workforce and providing children with high-quality education, nutrition, and health support. Nearly 800,000 children are enrolled in Head Start programs each year across the country, including more than 21,400 in Los Angeles County.

¹ Bailey, Martha, et al. "Prep School for Poor Kids: The Long-Run Impacts of Head Start on Human Capital and Economic Self-Sufficiency." SSRN Electronic Journal, 2020, www.econ.ucla.edu/bailey/Bailey_Sun_Timpe.pdf, <https://doi.org/10.2139/ssrn.3756301>.

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On July 10, 2025, the Trump administration announced that the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) will now bar undocumented children from accessing essential services, including Head Start. This decision continues the attacks on our undocumented communities and represents a harmful departure from the principle that all children are entitled to education and care. It is unclear how many families will be impacted, as documentation of immigration status has never been a requirement for enrollment in Head Start programs.

On July 15, 2025, the Board adopted a motion titled [Preserving Access to Critical Federal Safety Net Programs for All Residents](#), directing a report back on the expected impacts of this policy shift. Given that the Los Angeles County Office of Education (LACOE) administers Head Start programs across the County, it is important to hear directly from LACOE leadership about how these changes will impact local service delivery and the families they serve.

WE, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors suspend Section 22.1 of the Rules of the Board for the limited purpose of considering this motion.

WE, FURTHER, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors request the Superintendent of the Los Angeles County Office of Education to provide a verbal presentation at the August 5, 2025, Board meeting on the Head Start program and anticipated impacts of the HHS policy change.

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