

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR JANICE HAHN

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Celebrating the 25th Anniversary of the Foster Youth Bill of Rights

Twenty-five years ago, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors took a historic step to advance equity and protections for young people in the child welfare system by establishing the Foster Youth Bill of Rights (FYBOR). As the largest child welfare systems in the nation, Los Angeles County (County) recognized its responsibility to ensure that all foster youth are treated with dignity and provided stability, protections, and meaningful opportunities while in care.

Over the past quarter century, the Foster Youth Bill of Rights has served as a foundational framework guiding County policy, programs, and service delivery. Its creation marked a critical advancement in affirming that foster youth are entitled to clearly defined rights, protections, and supportive services that promote their safety, well-being, and long-term success. This is especially important for those who experience displacement, trauma, and systemic barriers.

In 2020, the County strengthened this commitment by expanding and updating the Foster Youth Bill of Rights to include 41 comprehensive rights. These rights ensure that every child, youth, and young adult in foster care has access to a safe, nurturing environment; is treated with respect and dignity; is empowered to participate in decisions affecting their lives; and receives the support and resources necessary to achieve their

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personal, educational, and professional goals.

August 2024, through the motion, "[Setting Youth Up for Success: Adulthood, Money Management, Personal Rights, and Education](#)", the Board further reinforced this commitment by directing the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) and the Los Angeles County (County) Ombudsperson for Youth in collaboration with the Youth Commission, LGBTQ+ Commission, Department of Youth Development (DYD), community-based youth providers, and youth with lived experiences to enhance staff training and strengthen youth engagement. These efforts emphasized developmentally appropriate communication and ensured that youth are empowered and equipped to exercise their rights.

Los Angeles County affirms that empowering foster youth with knowledge of their rights and access to supportive services is essential to promoting safety, permanency, and well-being. Centering youth voice and lived experience in policy and practice remains central to building more equitable, responsive, and effective child welfare system. To access a copy of The Los Angeles County Foster Youth Bill of Rights you may visit: [LAYouthRights.com](#).

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors:

1. Recognize and celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the Foster Youth Bill of Rights in May 2026, honoring its lasting and transformative impact on the lives of foster youth in Los Angeles County.
2. Reaffirm its commitment to upholding and advancing the rights of all foster youth by continuing to invest in policies, programs, and practices that promote safety, stability, equity, and opportunity.
3. Proclaim the 25th Anniversary of the Foster Youth Bill of Rights as a milestone in Los

Angeles County's ongoing commitment to ensuring that every foster youth is supported, valued, and provided the opportunities and resources necessary to achieve stability, self-sufficiency, and lifelong success.

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