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Board of Supervisors Family & Social Services Cluster Agenda Review Meeting

DATE: July 2, 2025 TIME: 1:30PM MEETING CHAIRS: Monica Banken, 5th Supervisorial District CEO MEETING FACILITATOR: Claudia Alarcon

THIS MEETING IS HELD UNDER THE GUIDELINES OF BOARD POLICY 3.055.

To participate in the meeting in-person, the meeting location is: Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration 500 West Temple Street Los Angeles, California 90012 Room 140

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- I. Call to Order
- II. Consent Item(s) (Any Information Item is subject to discussion and/or presentation at the request of two or more Board offices):
- III. Motions:

SD1/SD4- Advancing Opportunity and Nutrition: Restaurant Meals Program

IV. Presentation/Discussion Items: -- None --

V. Public Comment

VI. Standing item(s) and those continued from a previous meeting of the Board of Supervisors or from a previous FSS Agenda Review meeting.

VII. NOTICE OF CLOSED SESSION:: CS1- CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – Existing Litigation Government Code Section 54956.9, subdivision (d)(1) Kincaid v. County of Los Angeles

Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 21STCV27139 Department: Public Social Services

VIII. Adjournment

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO EMAIL A COMMENT ON AN ITEM ON THE FAMILY & SOCIAL SERVICES CLUSTER AGENDA, PLEASE USE THE FOLLOWING EMAIL ADDRESS AND INCLUDE THE AGENDA NUMBER YOU ARE COMMENTING ON:

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Advancing Opportunity and Nutrition: Restaurant Meals Program

The Restaurant Meals Program (RMP) has been administered by the Department of Public Social Services since 2005 and will soon be transferred to the California Department of Social Services (CDSS). The RMP allows eligible CalFresh participants, including people experiencing homelessness, people with disabilities, and older adults ages 60 and above to utilize their benefits to purchase hot, prepared food from participating restaurants. The RMP has been an essential support for many County residents who do not have the means or physical capacity to prepare meals for themselves. Eligible beneficiaries can utilize their Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) card to purchase prepared meals at over 2,300 restaurants across Los Angeles County that are participating in the RMP.

According to Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, LA County has over 26,000 restaurants across the region. Following the pandemic, January's fires and ongoing civil unrest due to the Trump administration's deportation tactics, many restaurants have continued to struggle financially. Enrolling in this program would help restaurants develop another revenue stream while fulfilling a critical service to

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community members with the highest need. However, with only 2,300 restaurants enrolled in LA County out of over 26,000 restaurants, the delivery of a cohesive outreach campaign is needed to ensure availability is equitable across the County.

WE, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors direct the Department of Public Social Services, working in collaboration with the Department of Economic Opportunity, to:

- Identify effective strategies to raise awareness of the Restaurant Meals Program (RMP) to restaurant owners and encourage them to enroll in the program and expand access to this critical program to our most vulnerable County residents, especially those impacted by wildfires and ongoing immigration enforcement, and
- 2. Collaborate with relevant departments and community-based organizations to promote the program to unhoused residents, residents with disabilities, and older adults that are eligible for the restaurant meals program, including those impacted by wildfires and ongoing immigration enforcement.
- Report back in writing in 90 days with results of the above efforts, including recommendations for advocacy to the State to continue outreach efforts once the RMP is transferred to California Department of Social Services.

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