

From: [Lily Marquez](#)
To: [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [Maria Luz Torre](#)
Subject: Childcare is the best public health and safety policy! Please prioritize and invest in childcare
Date: Wednesday, April 24, 2024 6:38:33 AM

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Hello,

My name is Lily Marquez, a parent of a seven year old and an eight year old in San Francisco and I am writing in support of childcare. I struggled getting affordable and accessible childcare which made me quit the workforce. This is not acceptable! Child care makes SF work for all! It helps the family, the work force economy and the child with his/her development. SF needs a full and vibrant child care workforce to support our families to thrive. Stop balancing the budget on the backs of working-class communities. Stop balancing the budget on the backs of our children. Everyone deserves to thrive in SF! San Francisco's Child Care System must grow with the San Francisco voters' passage of Baby Prop C. Everyone deserves childcare so that parents can continue to work. The Department of Early Childhood is only just now expanding its program team. The foundational programs were rolled out by bare-bones staff because of the slow City hiring process. We need to expedite hiring of staff at DEC.

Please make sure the city and county of San Francisco are given what they need to improve the childcare and early education system that is in much need to help children grow and thrive.

Thank you,

Lily Marquez, leader of Parent Voices of San Francisco and a Sunset Resident

From: [Rachel and Alessandra Church](#)
To: [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: People's Budget: RE child care
Date: Wednesday, April 24, 2024 7:20:54 AM

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My name is Rachel Church, and I'm a parent leader with Parent Voices.

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From: [Maria Luz Torre](#)
To: [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: People's Budget RE:Child care
Date: Wednesday, April 24, 2024 7:23:10 AM

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Thank you,

Maria Luz Torre
Parent Voices SF

From: [Lisa Alexander](#)
To: [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#); [Low, Jen \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Waltonstaff \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: My Public Comment on Early Care
Date: Wednesday, April 24, 2024 9:24:06 AM
Attachments: [Lisa Alexander Public Comment.docx](#)

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Please see my public comment attached below.

Thank you!

From: [Juliet Balaoro](#)
To: [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: People's Budget Re: Child care
Date: Wednesday, April 24, 2024 9:25:52 AM

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Hi! Good morning , My name is Juliet Balaoro, I live in 330 Dwight St. San Francisco, I support the funding of the child care , because I am recipient of it as a widow and a single mom of one boy, I do deliver food through doordash and uber eats with my 3 yrs.old son with me in my car delivering to houses and establishment because I have n one to watch my son for me, It is very hard even I do have help from the Survivorship of my late husband but its not enough for the rent and food,
So I highly support the Child care to be funded.

Thank you very much,
Juliet Balaoro
415 6320543

From: [DeAnna Milburn](#)
To: [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Low, Jen \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Waltonstaff \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: My Public Comment on Early Care
Date: Wednesday, April 24, 2024 11:36:13 AM

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Good afternoon Members of the Budget and Appropriations Committee:

My name is Ashley Milburn, child care provider, scholar at City College of San Francisco, and most importantly mother, writing you on behalf of the Black Early Educators Policy Council, a group that advocates on behalf of Black early educators and children in San Francisco, convened by Children's Council of San Francisco. I'm a constituent in District 10.

In this budget season, it's critical to uplift and center the needs of Black children and our Black early educators to support the aspirations of our children and their villages, to cultivate culturally diverse professional spaces, and to produce equitable outcomes for our state and nation's future.

As an early educator of 10+ years, it is imperative that all colors of children see all colors of adults. It is the beginning of a safe space outside of the prejudices of this world. Growing up in San Francisco, there weren't many people of color as educators, but the ones I did have, made a tremendous impact in how I walked around this earth! Proud to be who I am, and respectful of every walk of life. Showing our future, that they are capable and very much valued they are.

With investment by the San Francisco Department of Early Childhood, the Office of Economic & Workforce Development and Children's Council of San Francisco, we are able to be part of the solution and provide Black families with quality child care. We implore the city to maintain current investments in Black early educators and Black children, as an investment in our city's future. We have waited three years for the release of Baby C Funds and the time is now to expedite the implementation of Prop C as our goal is universal child care.

Thank you for your time, be blessed!

Ashley D. Milburn
FCC Owner

From: [April Leung](#)
To: [Jalipa Brent \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [Maria Luz Torre](#)
Subject: People's Budget RE: Child care
Date: Wednesday, April 24, 2024 11:48:26 AM

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My name is April Leung and I am representing Parent Voices San Francisco. I am writing to shed light on a crucial issue that affects not only me but countless others in our community: the challenge of accessing affordable, quality childcare. As a parent, I understand firsthand the immense importance of reliable childcare. It's not just about having someone watch over our children; it's about providing them with a safe, nurturing environment where they can learn, grow, and thrive.

When my daughter needed childcare, I placed her on a waiting list along with thousands of other children in San Francisco. I hoped and prayed for her to be called, but that call never came. This left me with a heartbreaking choice: to put my education on hold or to struggle to find alternative care, which often meant compromising on quality and safety.

Quality Childcare is the best public health and safety policy. Access to affordable, quality childcare is essential for parents to pursue their education, enter or remain in the workforce, and contribute meaningfully to society. Yet, for far too many families, this basic need remains out of reach.

We must do better. We must prioritize childcare as a fundamental right, not a luxury. Please make sure the city and county of San Francisco gives what is needed to support new departments like DEC in their success.

Together, we can create a future where no parent has to choose between caring for their child and pursuing their dreams.

Childcare keeps San Francisco working

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[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

From: [Joy Ng](#)
To: [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Budget and Appropriations Committee Hearing 04/24/2024: Letter of Support for Dignity Fund
Date: Wednesday, April 24, 2024 11:58:57 AM
Attachments: [BEC Dignity Fund Coalition Letter of Support 04 22 2024.pdf](#)
[Lao Seri Dignity Fund Letter of support APR 22 2024.pdf](#)

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Good afternoon Brent,

My name is Joy and I'm a Housing Caseworker at Bayanihan Equity Center (BEC). On behalf of BEC and our partnering organizations, we would like to submit our letters of support for funding services for older adults and adults with disabilities in San Francisco.

Please see the attached PDF documents.

Thank you!

Best,
Joy

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Joy Ng | Housing Caseworker

Pronouns: She, Her, Hers ([What's this?](#))

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April 22, 2024

Dear Supervisors and Mayor Breed,

The Bayanihan Equity Center, along with our community partners, urges you to keep the annual Dignity Fund allocation in the 2024-2025 budget. When San Francisco voters overwhelmingly approved [Proposition I, the Dignity Fund, in November 2016](#), they helped establish a path for stabilized funding for services & supports for seniors & people with disabilities. However, for the past 4 years we have had to continuously fight against suspension of the dedicated \$3 million annual allocation of the Dignity Fund and actively urge our elected officials to keep the promise of the voter approved Dignity Funds.

The needs of older adults and people with disabilities have historically been overlooked, even though older adults and adults living with a disability represent about 25% of the population. With 30% of this segment living alone, their health and well being is further constrained due to poverty and the ever-increasing costs of living in the City. Furthermore, according to the California Master Plan for Aging' San Francisco Regional Forum in 2021, over 50% of the homeless population in San Francisco are 50 years old or older, and 40% have disabilities.

Since its establishment in 2017, the Dignity Fund has expanded needed services and supports to older adults and adults with disabilities, including targeted services to communities of color, LGBTQ individuals, and neighborhoods which have historically been left behind.

Loss of the Dignity Fund allocation cuts programs that help older adults, adults with disabilities, and caregivers **access available services and resources, with a focus on the City's diverse communities**. It would also have implemented recommendations from the recent **Aging and Disability Affordable Housing Needs Assessment, including home modifications and housing subsidies** that support these populations in maintaining safe housing.

The Dignity Fund provides pragmatic solutions in the form of programs and services to support older adults and adults with disabilities in living well in community. We need our civic leaders to keep the promise of the voter approved Dignity Fund and allocate funds to avoid disruption of services. The senior and disabled community of San Francisco was hit hard by the pandemic, struggled through the recovery, and represents the fastest growing homeless population. That times are tough should not translate into leaving our most at risk behind but a challenge to do more to lend a helping hand.

We urge you to support your most at-risk constituents and ensure continuity of programs & services that enable them to age with Dignity.

Signed by,

The Bayanihan Equity Center
FEC Galing Bata Program
Filipino Community Center



LAO SERI ASSOCIATION

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Signed by,

Chanthanom Ounkeo, Program Director, Lao Seri Association

From: [Norma Ruiz](#)
To: [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Public comment for BOS ECE child care
Date: Wednesday, April 24, 2024 4:43:33 PM

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From: [Katelynn Cao](#)
To: [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Public Comment: Hearing for Vibrant Public Service & Economic Security
Date: Wednesday, April 24, 2024 3:15:58 PM

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Dear Committee members,

My name is Katelynn Cao, I am a Tenant Educator at the Housing Rights Committee of SF. I'm speaking to you not only as a non-profit worker; but also as someone who has benefited from essential services provided by organizations in our community.

When my family faced eviction, it was the bilingual tenant support from non-profit organizations like Chinese Community Development Corporation and Chinese Progressive Association that prevented my family from being displaced. It's because these support and services, my family were able to stay in the city we call home.

And It's this experience, that's driven me into this field—to serve my community in return

Cutting funding to essential services isn't just about numbers you put after the dollar sign, it affects real people, real families, including my own. It's the non-profit workers on the frontline who tirelessly strive to better our city, keeping our streets safe, our families housed, and our communities connected. We can't afford to make cuts that hurt the very people who make our city thrive. So I urge you to prioritize the budget to sustain these essential services, investing in our community and building a better future for all of us.

Thank you,
Katelynn

From: [Keeshemah Johnson](#)
To: [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Quality Child Care for all in SF
Date: Wednesday, April 24, 2024 12:12:14 PM

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**Best Always,
Keeshemah**

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Keeshemah Johnson, B.S. Early Childhood Education

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From: [Monina Balagtas](#)
To: [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: marialuz@parentvoices.org; [Parent Voices SF](#)
Subject: People's Budget RE: child care
Date: Wednesday, April 24, 2024 12:04:38 PM

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Hello your kind office of SF Budget Hearing,

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Blessings always,
-Monina

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From: [S.F](#)
To: [Jalipa Brent \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [Maria Luz Torre](#)
Subject: People's Budget Action Today
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Thank you,

Gladys Soto

From: [Eliza Smith](#)
To: [Jalipa Brent \(BOS\)](#)
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