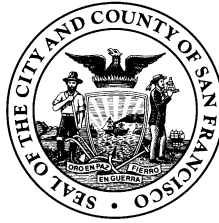


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## YOUTH COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Honorable Mayor Edwin M. Lee  
Honorable Members, Board of Supervisors

**CC:** Angela Calvillo, Clerk of the Board  
Maria Su, Director, Department of Children, Youth, and Their Families  
Nicole Wheaton, Commissions and Appointments, Mayor's Office  
Jason Elliott, Mayor's Liaison to the Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Youth Commission

**DATE:** October 25, 2011

**RE:** Youth Commission position on Board of Supervisors file no. 111084 [Appropriating \$1,900,000 of Children's Fund Contingency in the Department of Children, Youth and Their Families to Fund Subsidized Child Care for Low Income Families in FY2011-2012]

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At our regularly scheduled meeting of October 17, 2011, the Youth Commission voted 16-0 to pass the following motion:

To support file no. 111084, which would mitigate state cuts to local Early Childhood Education providers by appropriating \$1,900,000 of Children's Fund Contingency in the Department of Children, Youth, and their Families to allow California Department of Education Title Five Contractors to continue providing subsidized child care to low income families in San Francisco in FY2011-2012.

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We would like to give you some context for the position expressed above.

Our motion was very clear and concise regarding the proposed actions by the Department of Children, Youth and Their Families (DCYF) to backfill funding cuts made by the state to non-profit child care providers that serve San Francisco youth: we think this is a great idea.

During discussion of this ordinance, Youth Commissioners raised questions about how supplemental appropriations work in general and also whether DCYF will have available funds to backfill state cuts like this in future fiscal years. Maria Su, the Director of DCYF, was generous in explaining the very technical process of a budget supplemental appropriation, as well as a Notice of Funds Availability (NOFA) process—and she was honest about the difficulty

that City policymakers face when it comes to the question of backfilling state cuts. Ms. Su's comments gave us much clarity on our position on this ordinance.