

From: [Ashley Renick](#)
To: [Wong, Linda \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Public Comment re: Release of Reserved Funds - Office of Early Care and Education - Economic Recovery (Ordinance No. 165-20)
Date: Thursday, December 17, 2020 10:09:00 AM
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Dear Madam Clerk, Linda Wong,

Please see below (and attached) for public comment for the Budget & Finance Committee re: Release of Reserved Funds - Office of Early Care and Education - Economic Recovery (Ordinance No. 165-20).

Thank you for your assistance, and Happy Holidays!

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December 17, 2020

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From: [Brenda Quintero](#)
To: [Wong, Linda \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Public comment: 201361 [Hearing - Release of Reserved Funds - Office of Early Care and Education - Economic Recovery - \$42,000,000]
Date: Wednesday, December 16, 2020 11:06:16 AM

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Hello,

My name is Brenda Quintero, I am the family services program director at Instituto Familiar de la Raza, Inc.

We primarily provide services in the Mission and Excelsior districts. An allocation of these funds will not provide vital childcare funds for our children, but will enable 26 FRCs to provide information & referral, basic needs assistance, and case management services ensuring they have sufficient capacity to receive referrals from child care centers and other community partners.

Our Food pantries have doubled and tripled, and we currently have waitlists for case management services and continue to struggle to provide adequate supports. FRCs are working hard, but struggling to meet the high demand and acute need, while still providing all core services virtually.

These funds will also help families reconnect to child care, benefits, employment opportunities, and other systems of care that lay the foundation for their own recovery and the economic recovery of the whole city. As FRC's have become the first point of contact for many families to have access to child care centers.

Thank you for your time.

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From: [Rick Yuen](#)
To: [Wong, Linda \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: (Support) Release of Reserved Funds - office of early care and education - economic recovery (ordinance no. 165-20)
Date: Wednesday, December 16, 2020 9:50:32 AM

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Sincerely, Rick Yuen

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-COVID-19/Shelter in Place-

APA FRC's, centers, and offices have shifted to a remote; at home, work environment (except for essential services*) as mandated by City & County Governments to protect our employees and the community and to help minimize the exposure to and potential transmission of illness during this COVID-19 "Shelter in Place" period.

You may experience a slightly longer response time than normal. We appreciate your patience and understanding.

* essential services include Food Pantry, Enhanced Visitation and Therapeutic Crisis Counseling

From: [Lena Yu](#)
To: [Wong, Linda \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Public Comment Submissions for BOS Hearing on OECE Economic Recovery
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Attachments: [Walton- BOS Budget Committee, FRC Funding.docx](#)
[Fewer- BOS Budget Committee, FRC Funding.docx](#)
[Mandelman- BOS Budget Committee, FRC Funding.docx](#)

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Hello Linda,

I hope you are having a nice week so far.

We would like to provide our public comments for today's BOS Budget and Finance Committee hearing on OECE's Economic Recovery.

Please find our letters attached for Supervisor Fewer, Supervisor Walton and Supervisor Mandelman in this email.

Thank you for your time and your support,

Lena

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Joy Lok Manager



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Subject: Release of Reserved Funds - Office of Early Care and Education - Economic Recovery (Ordinance No. 165-20)

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Dear Ms. Wong,

Attached, please find written public comment re: the release of reserved funds-office of Early Care and Education-Economic Recovery, Ordinance No. 165-20) set for discussion in today's Finance Committee meeting.

Thank you,

Lynn

Lynn Dolce, MFT

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Re: Family Resource Center Funding Allocation

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FRCs, like Edgewood Center for Children and Families, have been on the front-lines of this crisis. The Edgewood Food pantry service has continued in person delivery while doubling and at times tripling, during the pandemic; case management services have wait-lists; and demand for basic safety net supports have sky-rocketed. FRCs are working hard, and struggling to meet the high demand and acute need, while still providing all core services virtually.

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I hope this email finds you well. Please see below (and attached) for a letter from Co-Chairs of the SF Family Resource Centers (FRCs) Alliance regarding the Release of Reserved Funds - Office of Early Care and Education - Economic Recovery (Ordinance No. 165-20). This item was heard on Wednesday Dec. 15 by the Budget & Finance Committee, and I believe will be heard again by the full Board on Tuesday, Dec. 22. We'd like to submit this for public comment to the Budget & Finance Committee.

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