

1 [Urging State Action.]

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3 **Resolution urging the State of California to increase reimbursement rates for child**
4 **development centers contracting with the California Department of Education through**
5 **Title V.**

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7 WHEREAS, Child development centers contracting with the California Department of
8 Education to serve low-income families with quality child care and education and family
9 support services are central to the lives of children, families and the communities throughout
10 San Francisco and the state; and,

11 WHEREAS, These child development centers have demonstrated positive outcomes
12 in preparing San Francisco's low-income children for success in school measuring their
13 progress through the California Department of Education's Desired Results system; and,

14 WHEREAS, The program and performance of standards established through Title V of
15 the Education Code for these child development centers far exceed the minimum health and
16 safety standards required by the State for licensure; and,

17 WHEREAS, These child development centers are reimbursed by the State with a flat
18 rate that today meets only approximately 50% of the real costs of care in our county,
19 threatening their ability to continue to provide services to children families and communities;
20 and,

21 WHERE AS, Because of this inadequate reimbursement, \$900,000 for services
22 provided by child development centers in San Francisco was relinquished to the California
23 Department of Education in 2004, with child development centers closing classrooms and
24 reducing services because of increasing program deficits associated with providing child care

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1 and education and parent support services through California Department of Education
2 contracts; and,

3 WHERE AS, Child care centers not meeting these same high quality standards are
4 reimbursed by the State at higher regional rates which reflect market costs and many Title V
5 child development centers are considering terminating their high quality programs and
6 services, in order to be paid more money for a lesser program; therefore be it,

7 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco City and County Board of Supervisors recognizes
8 the value and contribution of child development centers contracting with the California
9 Department of Education through Title V to provide services to the children, families and
10 communities of this county and recognizes the serious inequity in the lack of fiscal support for
11 such centers; and be it,

12 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors supports an effort to add a
13 statutory requirement that any child development center in this county contracting with the
14 California Department of Education through Title V shall be reimbursed at a rate that
15 addresses quality and cost of care; and be it,

16 FINALLY RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors encourages the state legislative
17 delegation of this county to seek an appropriate remedy for this problem in Sacramento and
18 calls upon the Governor of California to provide the appropriate funding in his FY 2005-06
19 Budget Proposal.

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