

From: [Sara Hicks-Kilday](#)
To: [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Mandelman, Rafael \(BOS\)](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [Hepner, Lee \(BOS\)](#); [Sunny Angulo](#); [Frances Hsieh](#); [Groth, Kelly \(BOS\)](#); [Temprano, Tom \(BOS\)](#); [Bintliff, Jacob \(BOS\)](#); [Mundy, Erin \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Applicant for OECE CAC Seat 9, on March 22 Rules Committee Agenda
Date: Friday, March 19, 2021 7:45:38 PM

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To Supervisor Peskin, Rules Committee Chair, and Members Supervisor Chan and Supervisor Mandelman:

I am writing to you to let you know that I will be appearing before you on Monday, March 22 at the Rules Committee as an applicant for the OECE CAC. I am pleased to see the application process moving forward, and appreciate your passage of the resolution strengthening community oversight of OECE funds.

My application, résumé, and letter informing you of my election to be the representative for CPAC are on file. Please let me know if there is anything else required before the Rules Committee meeting at 10 am Monday, March 22.

A former center educator focused primarily on infants and toddlers, a parent who ran a home-based co-op, and statewide advocate for expanded public funds for ECE, I currently direct Early Care Educators of San Francisco, an organization dedicated to bringing educators' priorities and expertise into policy conversations and program development, and am a leader of San Francisco's local planning council, CPAC. I am pleased to be considered for this position and offer my experiences and knowledge as part of the oversight committee.

Sincerely,
Sara Hicks-Kilday

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Many educated and talented young people rightly view early childhood education jobs as a pathway to poverty. Even the most well-paid pre-K teachers in school-sponsored settings earn, on average, only three-quarters of the compensation of kindergarten teachers. In community-based public pre-K and Head Start programs, teachers with bachelor's or higher degrees earn only slightly more than half the average income of comparably educated women, and slightly more than one-third of comparably educated men. Teachers in child care centers fare even worse.

The services intended to ameliorate poverty should not generate it.

*MARCY WHITEBOOK
Berkeley, Calif., Jan. 30, 2014*

NYTimes Letter to the Editor

From: [Beverly Melugin](#)
To: [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Mandelman, Rafael \(BOS\)](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); [Hepner, Lee \(BOS\)](#); [Angulo, Sunny \(BOS\)](#); [Hsieh, Frances \(BOS\)](#); [Groth, Kelly \(BOS\)](#); [Temprano, Tom \(BOS\)](#); [Bintliff, Jacob \(BOS\)](#); [Mundy, Erin \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Candidates for the OECE CAC
Date: Saturday, March 20, 2021 4:28:39 PM

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I am writing on behalf of C5Children's School and as the Chair of CPAC to support the candidates put forth jointly by the CPAC Policy & Leg Committee and SF ECE Advocacy Coalition as follows:

- Seat 6, Pat Sullivan**, as a Family Child Care Owner/Operator/Educator, FCCA of SF president, ECESF co-chair, and reappointment to the CAC
- Seat 8, Gina Fromer** as ED of Children's Council, a Resource & Referral Agency for both family and ECE program provider supports
- Seat 9, Sara Hicks-Kilday** as the elected representative of CPAC, and Director of ECE of SF, dedicated to bringing the priorities of early care educators into policy and program development.

I also support Monica Walters, ED of WuYee Children's Services for Seat 7, which will be before the Rules Committee on April 5.

I appreciate the resolution approved by the Board of Supervisors on 3/16 ensuring that the Commercial Tax for Early Care and Education dollars and other city funds have strengthened community oversight. OECE CAC needs applicants who are able to jump into community and department planning already underway as well as represent diverse San Francisco families and early care and education delivery systems. The candidates put forward by the joint committee fill this need.

Cordially,

-- Bev



Beverly A. Melugin

Executive Director
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From: [Judith Baker](#)
To: [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Mandelman, Rafael \(BOS\)](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); [Hepner, Lee \(BOS\)](#); Sunny.Argulo@sfgov.org; [Hsieh, Frances \(BOS\)](#); [Groth, Kelly \(BOS\)](#); [Temprano, Tom \(BOS\)](#); [Bintliff, Jacob \(BOS\)](#); [Mundy, Erin \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: CPAC membership
Date: Friday, March 19, 2021 4:01:20 PM

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Dear Supervisors,

I am writing to support the following for CPAC membership:

Seat 6: Pat Sullivan

Seat 8: Gina Fromer

Seat 9: Sara Hicks-Kilday

Seat 7: Monica Waters (to be heard by Rules Committee on April 5.)

I have worked in Early Childhood Education for over 50 years and I respect these candidates for their leadership, knowledge and inclusiveness. They are the candidates recommended by the CPAC Policy and Legislative Committee and SFECE Advocacy Coalition. We have a lot of work to do with the passage of C/F and new federal dollars coming into the city. All of the above candidates will help us accomplish our goals to create excellent services for children and families and support the ECE Workforce.

Thank you for your attention to my comments.

Sincerely,

Judith Baker

Administrative Assistant

Friends of St. Francis Childcare (for ID only)

Sent from my iPhone

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March 19, 2021

Dear Supervisors Peskin, Mandelman, and Chan,

I am writing to strongly recommend Jennifer Curran for Seat 8 of the Office of Early Care and Education's Citizens' Advisory Committee.

I have known Jennifer for sixteen years, and as a current member of the Citizens' Advisory Committee (CAC), I can attest that she would be a qualified addition to the committee given her deep knowledge of the city's early care and education system, and the philanthropic expertise that she brings as program director of the Mimi and Peter Haas Fund. In my capacity as Director of the EDvance program at San Francisco State University, I work in partnership with Jennifer to ensure that the city's future and current early educator workforce is prepared to succeed in their work with young children and families. Jennifer's comprehensive understanding of the issues that face our city's children, families, and educators, and of the complicated systems that support them, would be an incredible asset to committee.

Jennifer has spent nearly two decades working directly with early childhood programs in San Francisco. In her various roles, she has worked closely with many of the state subsidized early childhood centers and agencies, spending time in the classroom working directly with teachers and administrators to understand the nuances and complexities associated with implementing high quality programming to meet the needs of the city's diverse children and families. I believe Jennifer's direct experience working with programs as well as her work funding key initiatives and innovative strategies gives her a unique perspective to bring to the CAC.

I look forward to the possibility of working with Jennifer on the Citizens' Advisory Committee.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at (415) 531-6092 if you have questions or need additional information. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Lygia Stebbing

Lygia Stebbing EdD

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From: [Kaile Thomas](#)
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Cc: [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Mandelman, Rafael \(BOS\)](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); [Hepner, Lee \(BOS\)](#); [Angulo, Sunny \(BOS\)](#); [Hsieh, Frances \(BOS\)](#); [Groth, Kelly \(BOS\)](#); [Temprano, Tom \(BOS\)](#); [Bintliff, Jacob \(BOS\)](#); [Mundy, Erin \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Letter for ECEducators representatives: Pat Sullivan, ECESF Co-Chair and FCCA SF President and Sara Hicks-Kilday, ECESF Director
Date: Friday, March 19, 2021 1:31:56 PM

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To Supervisor Aaron Peskin, Rules Committee Chair:

I am writing to support the candidates representing Early Care Educators working in sites throughout San Francisco:

- Seat 6, Pat Sullivan, as a Family Child Care Owner/Operator/Educator, FCCA of SF president, ECESF co-chair, and reappointment to the CAC
- Seat 9, Sara Hicks-Kilday as the elected representative of CPAC, and Director of ECE of SF, dedicated to bringing the priorities of early care educators into policy and program development.

I appreciate the resolution approved by the Board of Supervisors on 3/16 ensuring that the Commercial Tax for Early Care and Education dollars and other ECE funds have strengthened community oversight. OECE CAC needs candidates who are able to jump into community and department planning already underway as well as represent diverse San Francisco families and early care and education delivery systems. **Both Pat Sullivan and Sara Hicks-Kilday are active in our educator community and deep listeners to educator priorities—and will well represent our needs on the OECE CAC.**

If you need anything else from me, please let me know.

Thank you,

Kaile Thomas

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Family Center

March 19, 2021

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Dear Supervisors Peskin, Mandelman, and Chan:

This letter is to support the application of Jennifer Curran to serve on the San Francisco Office of Early Care and Education's Citizens' Advisory Committee, Seat 8. As a grantee of the Mimi and Peter Haas Fund (MPHF) Model Centers Initiative, The Cross Cultural Family Center leadership staff have participated with and observed the skill set that Jennifer brings to her work with early educators and early childhood organizations in San Francisco.

Among her many responsibilities, Jennifer's role as program director at MPHF has been to plan and facilitate roundtable discussions regarding the many facets of child development in the city of San Francisco. She is highly organized and brings a significant amount of expertise in guiding complex and difficult issues that face early care and education in today's changing social and financial climate.

Ms. Curran's experience in philanthropy and her approach to inquiry is one that is open to a wide range of responses. She is careful to listen to the viewpoints of others and to explore deeper understanding of issues that bring forth honest interactions among participants.

Jennifer's knowledge of San Francisco's ECE community coupled with her philanthropic perspective will be an asset on the CAC. I believe that her experiences in organizational leadership and her commitment to community involvement makes her well qualified to serve on the OECE Citizens' Advisory Committee.

Should you wish further conversation with me regarding my experience with Jennifer Curran, please feel free to reach out to me at (415) 921-7019.

Sincerely,

Fonda Davidson

Fonda Davidson
Executive Director

From: [Anna W Yohannes](#)
To: [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Mandelman, Rafael \(BOS\)](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); [Hepner, Lee \(BOS\)](#); [Angulo, Sunny \(BOS\)](#); [Hsieh, Frances \(BOS\)](#); [Groth, Kelly \(BOS\)](#); [Temprano, Tom \(BOS\)](#); [Bintliff, Jacob \(BOS\)](#); [Mundy, Erin \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Support for candidates of the OECE CAC, community oversight over ECE funds
Date: Friday, March 19, 2021 3:40:48 PM

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To Supervisor Aaron Peskin, Rules Committee Chair:

My name is Anna Wolde-Yohannes and I am a San Francisco resident of District 2. I am writing as an early educator and advocate to support the candidates representing Early Care Educators working in sites throughout San Francisco:

Seat 6, Pat Sullivan, as a Family Child Care Owner/Operator/Educator, FCCA of SF president, ECESF co-chair, and reappointment to the CAC

Seat 9, Sara Hicks-Kilday, as the elected representative of CPAC, and Director of ECE of SF, dedicated to bringing the priorities of early care educators into policy and program development.

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Thank you,

Anna Wolde-Yohannes
Resident of SF District 2

From: [Jennifer Curran](#)
To: [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: RE: RESPONSE REQUIRED: Consideration of Applications and Appointments - Boards and Commissions
Date: Monday, March 22, 2021 9:13:08 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[J.Curran Letter.docx](#)

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Victor,

Attached is my final letter of support for my application for the OECE Citizens' Advisory Committee, seat 8. I would appreciate it if you also would include this attached letter in my application packet.

Thank you,
Jennifer

Jennifer Curran
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From: Jennifer Curran
Sent: Friday, March 19, 2021 6:36 PM
To: 'Young, Victor (BOS)'
Subject: RE: RESPONSE REQUIRED: Consideration of Applications and Appointments - Boards and Commissions

Victor,

Please see a second letter of recommendation attached in support of my application for the OECE Citizens' Advisory Committee, seat 8. I would appreciate it if you also would include this attached letter in my application packet.

Thank you,
Jennifer

Jennifer Curran
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From: Jennifer Curran
Sent: Friday, March 19, 2021 2:47 PM
To: 'Young, Victor (BOS)'
Subject: RE: RESPONSE REQUIRED: Consideration of Applications and Appointments - Boards and Commissions

Victor,

Please see a letter of recommendation attached in support of my application for the OECE Citizens' Advisory Committee, seat 8. I would appreciate it if you would include the attached letter in my application packet.

I expect to have two additional letters that I also will send to you today.

Thank you,
Jennifer

Jennifer Curran
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From: Jennifer Curran
Sent: Friday, March 19, 2021 12:16 PM
To: 'Young, Victor (BOS)'
Subject: RE: RESPONSE REQUIRED: Consideration of Applications and Appointments - Boards and Commissions

Victor,

I am writing to confirm my attendance at the Rules Committee meeting on Monday.

When do you need the letters of support by? Also, who should they be addressed to – Supervisors Peskin, Mandelman, and Chan only?

Thank you,
Jennifer

Jennifer Curran
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From: Jennifer Curran [mailto:jennscurran@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, March 18, 2021 5:25 PM
To: Jennifer Curran
Subject: Fwd: RESPONSE REQUIRED: Consideration of Applications and Appointments - Boards and Commissions

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From: "Young, Victor (BOS)" <victor.young@sfgov.org>

Date: March 18, 2021 at 2:22:58 PM PDT

Cc: "Peacock, Rebecca (MYR)" <rebecca.peacock@sfgov.org>, "Kittler, Sophia (MYR)" <sophia.kittler@sfgov.org>, "Fennell, Tyra (MYR)" <tyra.fennell@sfgov.org>, "Low, Jen (BOS)" <jen.low@sfgov.org>, "Mezquita, Ingrid (HSA)" <ingrid.mezquita@sfgov.org>, "Hepner, Lee (BOS)" <lee.hepner@sfgov.org>

Subject: RESPONSE REQUIRED: Consideration of Applications and Appointments - Boards and Commissions

Dear Applicants,

Your application to the one of be below listed bodies will be considered by the Board of Supervisors Rules Committee at the following remote meeting (agenda attached):

Monday, March 22, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. - REMOTE MEETING

- Office of Early Care and Education Citizens' Advisory Committee (various – see agenda)
- Treasure Island Development Authority Board of Directors (LaShawndra Price-Breston)

A Microsoft Teams invitation will be emailed to you shortly. Please test your ability to connect prior to the meeting.

Due to the current emergency, the Rules Committee will be convening remotely via videoconference and allow applicants to participate remotely via videoconference. In order to facilitate your participation remotely, we are requesting applicants log into the Teams meeting 15 minutes prior to the meeting to virtually check in with staff so that we are able to identify you and coordinate your presentation at the correct time. We ask that you turn off your camera and mute your line until the Committee calls on specific applicants to speak. After you have presented, please remain on the line as the Committee may have additional questions.

I would also suggest that you monitor your email prior to the meeting for any last minute instructions.

Please confirm you will be in attendance (remotely) by replying to this e-mail.

You will be expected to remotely attend the hearing, speak on your qualifications, and respond to any questions from the Supervisors. Supervisors will have been provided your application, resume (if provided), and any letters of support—please expect that they have reviewed them—however, in preparing your remarks, provide a brief background (2-3 minutes) of your qualifications.

BEST PRACTICES

- Call from a Quiet location
- Speak slowly and clearly
- Turn down any televisions or radios around you

You should contact Rules Committee Supervisors (Peskin, Mandelman and Chan), if you have not done so already, to introduce yourself. If a Supervisor is not available, ask to speak with or meet with a legislative aide. Contact information is provided below.

What to expect at Committee

1. Anticipate item(s) before yours. Barring any complications or questions, you can estimate when your hearing item should be called.
2. The Chair will call upon applicants to speak in the same order as listed on the agenda.
3. Limit concise comments to 2 minutes or less.
4. Provide a brief overview of your qualifications; speak specifically to how your experience matches the requirements of the seat(s) to which you are applying.
5. Speak to your goals, should you be appointed: why do you want to be appointed? what do you hope to accomplish?
6. (For reappointments: The Supervisors will also be interested in hearing your perspective on the work that the body has done and why you want to serve: what are your goals and plans for the future of the body? What else could the body be doing?)
7. Supervisors may ask whether or not you have previously attended meetings and whether or not you have participated in the body's work.
8. Following your presentation, Supervisors may ask additional questions, but do not always do so. If so, you will be provided additional time to respond as necessary.
9. After all applicants have spoken, speakers may testify on applicants' qualifications during public comment. This can be in addition to their letters of recommendation.

Letters of support or other documentation may also be given to me prior to the hearing, and I will distribute those to the Supervisors and include them with your application packet.

Rules Committee Supervisors will be recommending appointment(s) to the full Board of Supervisors for consideration. You may contact them directly with information provided below:

Supervisor Aaron Peskin, Chair (aaron.peskin@sfgov.org)

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Supervisor Rafael Mandelman, Vice Chair (Rafael.mandelman@sfgov.org)

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Supervisor Connie Chan, Member (connie.chan@sfgov.org)

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If you have any questions or concerns in the meantime, don't hesitate to call or email.

Thank you again for your interest!

Victor Young

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Dear Supervisor Aaron Peskin, Rules Committee Chair:

As joint chairs of the CPAC Public Policy and Legislative Committee and the San Francisco Early Care & Education Advocacy Coalition we are writing to urge you to support our community candidates. It is not enough to simply fill these seats, we need these seats filled by community advocates that have been deeply rooted in our San Francisco Early Care & Education (ECE) work. At this time, we can not bring up to date new individuals on the nuances within the ECE realm. We respectfully ask you to support the candidates put forth jointly by the CPAC Policy & Legislative Committee and SF ECE Advocacy Coalition as follows:

- **Seat 6, Pat Sullivan**, as a Family Child Care Owner/Operator/Educator, FCCA of SF president, ECESF co-chair, and reappointment to the CAC
- **Seat 8, Gina Fromer** as ED of Children's Council, a Resource & Referral Agency for both family and ECE program provider supports
- **Seat 9, Sara Hicks-Kilday** as the elected representative of CPAC, and Director of ECE of SF, dedicated to bringing the priorities of early care educators into policy and program development.

We also strongly support Monica Walters, Executive Director of WuYee Children's Services for Seat 7, which will go before the Rules Committee on April 5th.

Regarding Seat 8, we understand that there is currently another candidate who lives in San Francisco. However, we believe it is important to choose Gina Fromer, a 6th generation San Franciscan that grew up in the Bayview. She has deep community ties, currently Gina oversees Our Lady of Lodes food pantry in the Bayview and is a member of the SouthEast Community Commission. Gina is greatly involved in the San Francisco ECE community and has been leading our ECE work to improve outcomes for Black children in San Francisco.

We appreciate the resolution approved by the Board of Supervisors on March 16th ensuring that the Commercial Tax for Early Care and Education dollars and other city funds have strengthened community oversight. The Office of Early Care & Education, Citizens Advisory Committee needs applicants who can jump into community and department planning already underway as well as represent our diverse population of families and early care and our education delivery systems. The candidates we put forward by the joint committee fill this need.

Thank you,

Elizabeth Winograd, Co-Chair, CPAC Policy & Legislative Committee and SF ECE Advocacy Coalition
Naemah Charles, Co-Chair, CPAC Policy & Legislative Committee and SF ECE Advocacy Coalition

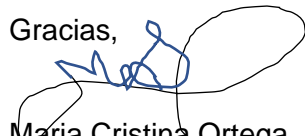
San Francisco, 25 de marzo de 2021

Estimado supervisor Chan, Mandelman y Peskin:

Tengo el gran agrado y me hace feliz poder escribir una carta apoyando el nombramiento de Liz Cortez para el Comité Asesor de Ciudadanos de la Oficina de Educación Temprana, asiento no. 8. Mi nombre es Maria Cristina Ortega y vivo en 2175 Market St. Apt 210, San Francisco California y he tenido el placer de conocer a Liz durante 6 años. Conocí a Liz durante el entrenamiento del famoso programa Abriendo Puertas, en MEDA, MPN y durante esa experiencia trabajé con ella en organizar diferentes fiestas comunitarias que apoyan al desarrollo Infantil, Liz tiene muchos años experiencia trabajando en el campo de Educación Temprana en diversas capacidades, incluido el liderazgo de los padres, las asociaciones comunitarias, el apoyo familiar y el impacto colectivo para mejorar los resultados de preparación escolar. También he trabajado con ella apoyando a Head Start para seguir enseñando y entrenando mas a nuestra comunidad para conocer el proyecto Abriendo Puertas, "SI SE PUEDE". Considero que Liz es una gran candidata para este Comité porque: ella es dedicada, trabajadora, líder de la comunidad, muy respetuosa, servicial, lucha por los derechos de los padres e hijos y ayuda para que junto con la comunidad tengamos éxito para el desarrollo infantil en los primero cinco. Liz fue un organizador comunitario en el Movimiento de Justicia Ambiental, habiendo crecido en una comunidad que estaba sobrecargada con la toxicidad del aire debido a la gran cantidad de refinerías en una pequeña área del condado de Los Ángeles.

Es un gran honor para mí mostrar apoyo y espero que consideren seriamente su nombramiento.

Gracias,



Maria Cristina Ortega
Madre de Familia

March 29, 2021

Dear Supervisor Chan, Mandelman, and Peskin,

I am pleased to write a letter supporting Liz Cortez's appointment to the Office of Early Care and Education Citizens Advisory Committee, seat no. 8. My name is Ada Alvarado Freund, I live in San Francisco and I've had the pleasure of knowing Liz for over 5 years. I have worked closely with Liz as her supervisee at Mission Economic Development Agency (MEDA) as part of the Mission Promise Neighborhood (MPN) Initiative.

In her eight years with MPN, Liz has led with a collective impact approach in her various capacities as the Early Learning Program Manager and now her current role as Associate Director. Her passion for results based accountability and data driven decision making has been instrumental in her ability to manage and build trusting relationships with a network of fifteen partners and thirteen Family Child Care providers. During her tenure as the Early Learning Program Manager for MPN, she applied her twenty years of experience in the ECE field to build a framework to capture the collective story of how MPN's Early Learning partners collaborate to improve school readiness outcomes for children in the Mission District.

An example of Liz's extraordinary work with the Latinx Community is a study she spearheaded of MPN children entering kindergarten in the Mission District in 2017. The outcomes demonstrated that 71% of MPN children whose families participated in one or more MPN service were kinder ready and 72% if they were Latinx, compared to Mission District kinder readiness average of 46%. The findings of this study have been highlighted in the End Childhood Poverty Campaign in California and across the country.

Liz's accomplishments in the ECE field expand to other parts of the Bay Area and State wide. Before her work at MEDA, she worked in Berkeley leading an outreach team focused on recruiting and increasing access for African-American and Latinx families in a prenatal to five early care and education program that included Early Head Start, Head Start, and State Preschool programs. In South Los Angeles, she helped to plan and implement an Early Head Start Program for young African-American and Latinx families. Families with children with special needs were actively recruited and prioritized to receive services.



I consider Liz to be an exceptional candidate for this Citizens Advisory Committee because she is an early learning champion who is culturally competent. Liz takes a strength based approach when working with children, families and her colleagues. She is an advocate for the Latinx community and LGBTQ community and always brings that perspective and experience to the work she does. Liz has persevered in life as the daughter of low-income immigrant parents and the first person in her family to attend and graduate from college. She is a thoughtful and empowering supervisor who leads by example.

Liz would be an instrumental member of your committee and I am honored to show her my support. I hope her appointment to the Citizens Advisory Committee is given a serious consideration.

Thank you,

Ada Alvarado Freund



From: [DHWilson](#)
To: [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Letter of support on behalf of Liz Cortez for CA Seat #8
Date: Monday, March 29, 2021 5:31:49 PM

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Dear Victor,

Please find attached my letter of support on behalf of Liz Cortez with regards to the CA seat #8.

Unfortunately, my printer is not working and so I wasn't able to print and sign my letter, however feel free to contact me should you have any questions at 415 240-8698.

Dannhae Herrera-Wilson

P.s. I am happy to resubmit a signed letter.

Friday, March 26, 2021

Dear Supervisor Chan, Mandelman, and Peskin,

It is a pleasure to write a letter of support on behalf of Liz Cortez's appointment to the Office of Early Care and Education Citizen's Advisory Committee, seat no. 8. My name is Dannhae Herrera-Wilson, and I have been a resident of San Francisco for the last 30 years, and I've had the great fortune of knowing Liz for the previous seven years. I met and started working with Liz in 2015. At the time, she was the Early Learning Manager in the Mission Promise Neighborhood Program at MEDA. In 2017 she was promoted to Associate Director of the Initiative. I consider Liz to be a great candidate for this Committee because she has demonstrated her leadership role in advancing quality childcare for children 0-5 through her advocacy work on behalf of families facing many structural barriers.

Liz has been instrumental in ensuring that Mission Promise Neighborhood continues to serve and empower low-income families enrolled at the San Francisco United School District. She has done this by collaborating with other community-based organizations through grant writing and using her data analytical skills. Most importantly, through her passion for Results-Based Accountability and facilitation, which is all about identifying and addressing disparities.

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