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Subject: FW: SF Board of Supervisors (Support for Item 2; 201412) Release of Reserved Funds - Office of Early Care and Education - Economic Recovery \$42,000,000
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- Dear Members of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors,
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- San Francisco's 26 FRCs are a vital part of the city's early childhood system, working alongside educators to support child and family well-being at home and in communities. We look forward to continued partnership to support the whole family, both the children and their caregivers

FRCs support the ECE community in multiple ways including providing Parent Child Interaction, starting at an even earlier age for the child with Parent Infant Interaction sessions. Our FRC's also provide Parental Stress Lines to give parents an opportunity to seek and secure resources in San Francisco related to ECE, outdoor activities, and various mechanisms to better relate in the parent/child dynamic.

- **APA Family Support Services provides three FRCs in San Francisco**

including APA Family Support Services FRC located at the Chinatown YMCA; API Family Resource Network with partners in the Cambodian, Laotian, Vietnamese, Pilipino, Samoan communities among many, and the Visitacion Valley Strong Family FRC.

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- FRCs
- help parents get their kids to school (attendance increases), and during SIP, have stepped in to support with distance learning and get families access to critical technology
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- FRCs
- help kids with social emotional competency. Research shows that supporting social emotional competency helps kids in school with early literacy and numeracy
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- Many organizations that operate
- FRCs also operate ECE centers; FRCs and early childhood education efforts go hand in hand.
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- FRCs
- help kids with concrete supports and parents with jobs to help allow kids to go to school.
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- FRCs connect families with
- the early care and education centers and resources so that parents can go to work.
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- Some
- FRCs have job training programs focused on becoming ECE staff (e.g. Wu Yee) which help the pipeline to increase ECE workforce

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- Now more than ever family support
- is a key ingredient in a successful early care and education system, and investing a relatively small portion of these dollars in child and family well-being through FRCs will ensure families get connected to programs and will greatly enhance the effectiveness
- of any early learning experience.
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- FRCs reach approximately 15,000
- parents/caregivers, and children per year. With Shelter In Place and COVID-19, FRCs are increasingly being relied upon as we see first hand in the 3 FRCs within APA Family Support Services.
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- An allocation of these funds
- will enable all 26 FRCs to shore up 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.
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- 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.
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- Services provided by the ECE
- community and FRCs are interconnected and complementary, and we look forward to increasing the coordination in order to improve how we support the whole family.
Thank you for your careful consideration of our request.
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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

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Dear Ms. Calvillo and Distinguished Members of the Board of Supervisors,

Please find the attached position letter on behalf of GLIDE in support of the release of reserved funds to the Office of Early Care and Education.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Wesley Saver

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December 22, 2020

The Honorable Norman Yee
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Public comment submitted via electronic mail

Re: File #201412—Release of Reserved Funds—SUPPORT

Dear President Yee and Supervisors,

On behalf of GLIDE, I write in strong support of the motion to release reserved funds to the Office of Early Care and Education. San Francisco's 26 Family Resource Centers—including GLIDE's Family, Youth and Childcare Center (FYCC)—are a vital part of the City's early childhood system, working alongside educators to support child and family well-being at home and in communities. As community need increases, this network continues to offer critical services. Confronted by the COVID-19 pandemic and its associated economic consequences, it is crucial that we continue to leverage resources to support the vulnerable and marginalized families of our communities most impacted by these issues.

For more than 50 years, GLIDE has worked to create a radically inclusive, just and loving community mobilized to alleviate suffering and stabilize lives. Located in San Francisco's diverse and culturally rich Tenderloin, most of our clients are experiencing poverty, struggling to afford housing, food, and meet their other basic needs. Education and childcare are two of the most important factors in a family's ability to break cycles of poverty, and programs like FYCC make a critical difference in the lives of so many of our community members—especially as the pandemic disproportionately impacts neighborhoods like ours.

FYCC is an umbrella for three programs—Licensed Childcare (LC), the Afterschool and Summer Program (ASP), and the Family Resource Center (FRC)—which are helping families through a deeply precarious and challenging time, while also helping them establish foundations for meaningful change. By providing LC, ASP and FRC at one site, with integration across all three, FYCC develops and maintains loving and supportive relationships with families as their children grow.

FYCC's dedicated staff provides stability and support, helping children and families realize their potential. Studies show that children enrolled in after-school programs are better prepared for middle and high school, setting them up for future academic success; and high-quality, reliable childcare enables parents to maintain employment and pursue additional education, increasing stability and preventing homelessness. FYCC builds partnerships with its families based on an ethos of radical inclusion and unconditional love, meeting parents and children where they are.

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When FYCC had to close its building and pause its in-person programming at the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic—following guidance from SFUSD—GLIDE staff quickly pivoted to ensure we were proactively responding to the needs of the families and children we serve. We are now providing approximately 500 meals, along with diapers, hygiene products, toys, and learning materials to families each week. We have modified our case management services to families to provide online and phone resources, referrals, counseling, and parenting support. We have adapted our afterschool and childcare programs to provide online learning tools to support children’s virtual learning needs.

Now more than ever, family support is essential to successful early care and education. Investment helps ensure families remain connected to programs, and greatly enhances the effectiveness of an early learning experience. An allocation of funds will further enable FYCC and other FRCs to provide basic needs assistance and case management service. These funds, too, will help families connect to childcare, benefits, employment opportunities, and other services and systems that lay the foundation for their own recovery and the economic recovery of San Francisco. For these reasons and more, please pass this motion to release the reserved funds. For questions about GLIDE’s position, you may contact me at wsaver@glide.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Wesley Saver', written in a cursive style.

Wesley Saver
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