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Hello Supervisors,

Please find attached a letter of support from the early care and education community for the Housing Innovation Program legislation being heard in Land Use Committee today.

Regards,
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January 31, 2022

San Francisco Board of Supervisors
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
San Francisco, CA 94102

Re: Housing Innovation Program

Dear Supervisors Melgar, Preston, and Peskin,

As a coalition of San Francisco early care educators, parents, child care resource and referral agencies, and child care stakeholders we write to advocate for essential local, statewide and federal financial support during the COVID-19 pandemic, and during recovery.

Our top priority as San Francisco early care and education (ECE) advocates is to stabilize funding for existing child care educators and programs, as well as provide increased funding for the reduced child to staff ratios, sanitation, and PPE required to continue service to essential workers, vulnerable populations, and reopen to support San Francisco's return to work.

We are writing to support **File 211232 [Administrative Code - Housing Innovation Program]** introduced by Supervisor Melgar and co-sponsored by Supervisor Mar. This program will invest in new ways to support working families who want to stay in San Francisco. Additionally, it provides an incentive for those interested in the early care and education field. Many of the eligible uses of this program would benefit early care educators. Family child care providers who do not own their homes are at high risk of displacement. By offering family child care providers the support to purchase their own homes, they will be provided long-term stability and the ability to run their early care education programs. We would welcome the inclusion of rental security deposits, monthly subsidies, or other mechanisms. We need to expand our tools to keep our essential early care educators housed in San Francisco, both our home-based family providers and center teachers.

We thank you for your consideration and we urge your support.

Thank you,

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San Francisco Early Care and Education Advocacy Coalition
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Children's Council of San Francisco
Early Care Educators of San Francisco
Family Child Care Association of San Francisco