



April 4, 2023

Connie Chan, District 1 Supervisor
San Francisco Board of Supervisors
Committee Chair, Budget and Finance Committee
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
San Francisco, CA 94102-4689

Dear Supervisor Chan,

The Department of Early Childhood (DEC) requests approval for a retroactive grant to be executed to satisfy Proposition (Baby) C legislative requirement to increase early educator compensation in San Francisco. To accomplish this, DEC issued a Request for Proposals (RFP #1025) within a compressed timeframe. Unfortunately, our department needed to proceed despite a multitude of challenges that delayed the approval process, and execution of a contract with the Children's Council of San Francisco, the selected nonprofit through this competitive solicitation process.

Therefore, DEC respectfully requests a retroactive contract that begins October 1, 2022, that fulfills the legislative requirement and promise to raise early educator wage and compensation. This request includes payment to Children's Council that has incurred expenses due to the pending approval of this grant.

We appreciate and thank you in advance on behalf of the thousands of early educators committed to our children and families of San Francisco.

Sincerely,



Ingrid Mezquita
Executive Director
Department of Early Childhood

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