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**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Cc:** [info@sfece.org](mailto:info@sfece.org)  
**Subject:** Public comment 4/11/23: Resolution for Week of the Young Child - Parent Voices SF  
**Date:** Tuesday, April 11, 2023 1:55:23 PM  
**Attachments:** [Letter for for BOS WOYC Resolution 4-11-23.pdf](#)

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Please see attached our letter in support of the Week of the Young Child Resolution.

Dear Members of the Board of Supervisors:

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Respectfully,



**Maria Luz Torre** | Parent Voices Organizer

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**From:** Sara Hicks-Kilday <sara@ecesf.org>

**Sent:** Tuesday, April 11, 2023 12:59 PM

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March 11, 2023

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Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Maria Luz Torre".

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**From:** [Sierra Fischer](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Cc:** [Naeemah Charles](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment 4/11/23 - Resolution for Week of the Young Child  
**Date:** Tuesday, April 11, 2023 2:59:54 PM

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To the San Francisco Board of Supervisors,

I am writing on behalf of Children's Council of San Francisco to state my support and appreciation for the resolution vote following *Week of the Young Child*. I want to take a moment to express my gratitude to the entire coalition that worked tirelessly to make WOYC happen and allowed me to support them in doing so.

I would also like to extend a heartfelt thank you to our San Francisco Board of Supervisors for taking the time to visit a diverse selection of sites in your district to learn about not only the pertinent struggles of child care educators but to celebrate the wins and what's actually working for SF. A lot of these wins are due to Proposition C as we are just now able to get the community funding out and allocated. Thank you all for your time and for consideration of the WOYC pass resolution. With your willingness to listen and continuous support, we are confident we can accomplish a lot for our beloved community.

With that being said, unfortunately, the Monday following the Week of the Young Child, our SF child care community was notified that the city wants to pause its Prop C contribution to close about 1/3rd of San Francisco's \$290M budget deficit. **The city cannot close the deficit on the backs of the city's youngest children and their struggling families.** It is truly concerning the city would be okay with using funding allocated for 0 -5 children and their struggling families to do so. In keeping with the Week of the Young Child we hope to have your support in finding an alternative funding source to close this gap, I ask everyone to keep this in mind as we move out of this time, thank you!

Sincerely,

Sierra Fischer

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**From:** Savitha Moorthy <[savitha@tandembayarea.org](mailto:savitha@tandembayarea.org)>  
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Dear San Francisco Board of Supervisors,

My name is Savitha Moorthy -- I lead a small but mighty nonprofit called [Tandem, Partners in Early Learning](#) working at the intersection of social justice and early childhood education. Annually, our organization serves families and educators in San Francisco through partnerships with 400 classrooms, 101 family childcare centers, and dozens of other community-based organizations.

I am writing to commend the resolution being voted on today recognizing the Week of the Young Child. As we know, the years from birth to five is a critical time, and the quantity and quality of experiences that children are exposed to during this time has the potential to shape their future outcomes. A comprehensive mixed delivery model and two-generation approach, that provides care

and learning for children while expanding the capacity of the adults in their life, are both key components of a thriving early childhood ecosystem.

I appreciate that each supervisor is committing time to pay attention to the needs of early childhood education -- and educators -- through visits to sites to see firsthand the important work we do, and to discuss with us what's working and what we still need.

Now more than ever, we need dedicated expertise to focus in on this area and a streamlined effort to serve families with children under 5. San Francisco needs a community of leaders that cares for our youngest and those who care for them, and takes the time to be sure their leadership is guiding decisions, policies, and programs that are making the impact and improvements needed to support the workforce and programs that provide this important service.

We appreciate your engaging with the ECE community to more deeply understand our needs and successes.

Sincerely,  
Savitha

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Savitha Moorthy, Ph.D.,  
Executive Director

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**[Tandem, Partners in Early Learning](#)**

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**From:** Anna W Yohannes <annawyohannes@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 11, 2023 11:32 AM  
**To:** Board of Supervisors (BOS) <board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org>  
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Sincerely,

Anna Wolde-Yohannes  
*ECE Educator & Advocate*  
*SF resident, D5*

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**Subject:** FW: Early Childhood Education  
**Date:** Monday, April 10, 2023 1:52:01 PM

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Hello,

Please see below message regarding **File No. 230395:**

Resolution celebrating early care educators and families of young children during “The Week of the Young Child,” April 2 through April 8, 2023, in the City and County of San Francisco.

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**Sent:** Monday, April 10, 2023 12:47 PM  
**To:** Board of Supervisors (BOS) <board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org>  
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**Subject:** Early Childhood Education

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Warm regards,

ReGina Chavez

**ReGina Chavez M.Ed.**  
**Early Childhood Special Educator and Toddler Teacher**

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