

1 [Urging Support for the California Legislative Women’s Caucus’ Request and Priority to Invest  
2 \$800,000,000 in the FY2016-2017 California Budget]

3 **Resolution urging the support of the Legislative Women’s Caucus budget request of**  
4 **\$800,000,000 in the FY2016-2017 budget that would enable the state to serve tens of**  
5 **thousands of children from birth to five years-old, and for families to have access to**  
6 **quality affordable child care, prioritize our youngest learners, prevent disruption of**  
7 **care for those children, recognize the important and professional nature of the work**  
8 **providers deliver to our state’s working families, and for the California Senate and**  
9 **Assembly to support the Legislative Women’s Caucus budget request and priorities.**

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11 WHEREAS, The Legislative Women’s Caucus recognizes that California is a state  
12 where mothers and families with children are significant contributors in the economy; and

13 WHEREAS, California has cut over \$1,000,000,000 from early child care programs  
14 between 2009 and 2011; and

15 WHEREAS, Only \$500,000,000 of these cuts have been restored despite the growth in  
16 the economy; and

17 WHEREAS, The current level of the Standard Reimbursement Rate (SRR) is set at  
18 \$36.10 per child per full day of enrollment, is less than half of the current market rate in San  
19 Francisco; and

20 WHEREAS, The current Regional Market Rate (RMR) reimbursement ceilings for  
21 voucher-subsidized early care and education services are based on data collected in 2009,  
22 severely suppressing the reimbursement rate, and impacting the quality of care; and

23 WHEREAS, The recent passage of minimum wage ordinances and parental leave has  
24 added increased economic burden on child care programs without an increase in state  
25 subsidies; and

1           WHEREAS, The child care educators’ work is not minimum-wage work, and requires  
2 skill, expertise, and consistency to deliver quality, but a typical child care educators’ wage in  
3 San Francisco is \$16.85; and

4           WHEREAS, The current level of SRR and RMR increasingly limit low income families’  
5 access to the child care market and, in particular, quality care options; and

6           WHEREAS, The Legislative Women’s Caucus recognizes that currently parents have  
7 only five days to report changes within class and/or work schedules and changes to familial  
8 structure, and parents with variable schedules have to report every four months; and

9           WHEREAS, This onerous burden on both parent and employer is causing a revolving  
10 door of eligibility; and

11           WHEREAS, As the Legislative Women’s Caucus recognizes, currently, the entry and  
12 exit level for child care eligibility is 70% of the Standard Median Income that was in use  
13 for 2007-2008, and this causes parents to pass up slight raises or job advancement for fear of  
14 losing their wage increase; and

15           WHEREAS, The Legislative Women’s Caucus FY2016-2017 budget request includes  
16 increasing the RMR to the 85th percentile of 2014 survey, increasing SRR rates in counties  
17 where SRR is below the 85th percentile of the 2014 RMR survey, ensuring 12-month eligibility  
18 and updating income guidelines, and securing 25,000 slots for zero to three year-olds; now,  
19 therefore, be it

20           RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the state to use current data that  
21 recognizes regional differences in high cost of living counties including San Francisco; and, be  
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23           FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors states their supports the  
24 Legislative Women’s Caucus budget request and priorities; and, be it

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1           FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors hereby directs  
2 the Clerk of the Board to transmit copies to the California Legislative Women’s Caucus,  
3 Governor Jerry Brown, the Chairs of the State and Assembly Budget Committees Assembly  
4 Member Phil Ting and Senator Mark Leno with a request to take all action necessary to  
5 achieve the objectives of this Resolution.

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