



City and County of San Francisco
Department on the Status of Women

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Edwin M. Lee
Mayor

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for*

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Ms. Linda Wong
Assistant Clerk, Budget and Finance Committee
Board of Supervisors
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, City Hall, Room 244
San Francisco, CA 94102

RE: Support for Infant and Toddler Early Learning Scholarship Fund (BOS File No. 161034)

Dear Ms. Wong:

The Department on the Status of Women supports the efforts of Supervisor Yee to expand access to quality infant and toddler care to moderate-, low-, and very low-income families in San Francisco who work or attend school. Our Department works to address the economic, social, and political inequalities for women in San Francisco through policy and programs with a focus on women’s human rights, violence against women, and women in the workplace.

Through our efforts to advance women’s economic empowerment and gender equality in the workplace in San Francisco, we frequently hear that a major barrier for working women is lack of access to quality, affordable childcare. In fact, during the Bay Area Women’s Summit hosted by Mayor Edwin M. Lee and Oakland Mayor Libby Schaaf earlier this year, access to childcare was cited as one of the top issues of concern during a live-poll of the more than 1,300 attendees. According to the US Census Bureau, three-quarters of families with children younger than 6 in San Francisco have both parents working outside of the home, making childcare a necessity. However, more than one-third of all families in San Francisco are struggling at 300 percent or less than the federal poverty line for a family of four and the poverty rate is three times greater for single mothers with minor children than it is for all families.

With childcare costing an average of nearly \$20,000 per year for family-home or center-based infant and toddler care, as estimated by the Children’s Council, working mothers and their families in San Francisco, especially those living in or near poverty, would greatly benefit from increased financial support to provide access to quality care for their young children.

Sincerely,

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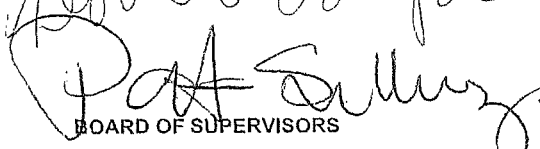
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The ordinance would require OECE to adopt rules prior to issuing any grants. Among other particulars, the rules would establish a selection process for awarding grants, eligibility criteria, procedures for determining the size and frequency of grant awards, disbursement processes, and reporting obligations. The rules would prioritize funding that supports parents and guardians who attend publicly-funded colleges or universities in the City.

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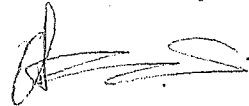
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