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**Date:** December 6, 2020 at 12:55:41 PM HST  
**To:** [BOS-Supervisors@sfgov.org](mailto:BOS-Supervisors@sfgov.org)  
**Subject:** **Economic Recovery for ECE Providers**

Dear Members of the Board of Supervisors,

This letter is to support the Economic Recovery Grant and Loan program for Early Childhood Education Providers which is being supported by Mayor Breed, President Yee, and Supervisors Ronan, Safai, Mar and Fewer. The program should include those programs that are not part of the OECE system because we are all suffering the effects of the pandemic.

I live in District 5 and work in a California Dept. of Education center in District 8. I worked for most of my life as Director of Centers in District 6.

In spite of the serious consequences of exposure to covid-19 to staff, many programs reopened early on and some never closed (we reopened in June with very brave dedicated staff returning).

We had to make many costly changes to the structure, program and staffing. We had to install a floor to ceiling divider in order to create two classrooms and then equip both classrooms. Whereas in the past we met required staffing (CDE) of two teaching staff to 16 children, we now have to staff at 3 adults to 13 preschoolers to meet requirements and to have an extra staff available for cleaning and sanitation required on an ongoing basis, to cover for staff who need to stay home with mild symptoms that could possibly be covid related ( to date no one has been exposed in the program due to all our precautions). Extra teachers are needed too to give extra attention to the children and to be good listeners to children who may be going through added emotional stress and trauma at this time. We also need extra staff to meet parents outside in the morning and do temperature checks and a health screening of all children and staff to help

children leave when Parents/Guardians arrive outside at departure.  
I could go on and on with all the changes to keep everyone safe and the center operating and still paying staff with the low pay that they receive for doing such critical and essential and educational work.  
Please help us and other centers and homes keep our doors open so we can aid in San Francisco's recovery, support families, and give children quality care and education during this difficult time.  
Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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*Written comment on 12/7/20 Agenda Item #3 - Early Education Economic Recovery Program*

Dear Supervisors and the entire Rules Committee,

My name is Anna Wolde-Yohannes and I live in San Francisco District 2. I have worked at preschool sites all over the city including Districts 3, 4, 10, and 11.

I am writing to support the Early Care and Education Economic Recovery Program introduced by Mayor Breed, President Yee, and Supervisors Ronen, Safai, Mar, and Fewer.

I am an early childhood educator struggling to live in San Francisco. I love my work, however, my position was cut and I was laid off from my role as Site Supervisor at a preschool center due to COVID-19. This economic recovery program is critical for the survival of our childcare providers and supporting thousands of families throughout San Francisco who depend on us.

Once we lose child care providers, we will be worsening the existing shortage of slots. Please do not let that happen. We need your support.

Sincerely,  
Anna Wolde-Yohannes  
SF Resident, District 2

**From:** [Beverly Melugin](#)  
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**Subject:** Early Care and Education Economic Recovery Program  
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Dear Board Of Supervisors,

I am writing in support of the Early Care and Education Economic Recovery Program introduced by Mayor Breed, President Yee, and Supervisors Ronen, Safai, Mar, and Fewer.

Early childcare providers are essential to San Francisco's economic recovery; however, we are struggling to survive.

C5 Children's School has been providing high quality early care and education for Infants, Toddlers, and Preschoolers for thirty-five years. At the beginning of the Pandemic in March, we had 147 children enrolled in two facilities. Currently we only have 60 children enrolled and are operating at a substantial loss each month. We were fortunate to have a reserve fund, however, it is fast eroding and by March we will require additional funds to stay afloat.

Please vote in favor of this Program that is so desperately required.

Cordially,  
-- Bev



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