

## London Breed Mayor

December 9, 2020

Honorable Supervisor Sandra Fewer Budget and Finance Committee Chair Board of Supervisors 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Room 244 San Francisco, CA 94102

Linda Wong, Clerk Board of Supervisors 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Room 244 San Francisco, CA 94102

RE: Release of Budget and Finance Committee Reserve--Resubmission

In accordance with the provisions of the Adopted Annual Appropriation Ordinance 165-20 for Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2021 and Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2022, I am hereby requesting the release of the Budget and Finance Committee Reserve for \$42.0 million appropriated for Early Care and Education for All.

Ingrid Mezquita

Executive Director

As you know, the Board of Supervisors approved the SF OECE 5-year spending plan for Early Education for All on December 1, 2020. We engaged in a multi-faceted outreach effort to develop the spending plan for Baby Prop C. The outreach response helped us identify spending priorities. These priorities are still very relevant and valid. This year has required us to consider the current challenges facing the ECE community. Programs are facing additional costs and reduced income related to COVID-19 mitigation. We understand the urgent need for economic recovery.

We have been working with the Mayor's Budget Office on a preliminary spending plan for the coming months including:

- Early Education Economic Recovery Grant and Loan Program (\$25.0 million)
- Subsidy Outlays to provide additional access to child care (\$10.0 million)
- Workforce Compensation: Supplement the CARES 2.0 Teacher Stipend (\$1.3 million)
- Support for Family Resource Centers (\$1.5 million)
- OECE Staffing and Capacity to be able to support the work of implementing the 5-year spending plan (\$0.5 million)
- Discretionary Funding Rebalancing (\$0.9 million)

The requested \$42.0 million includes \$2.8 million as a contingency to provide the flexibility needed for OECE to be responsive to community need, while we continue to engage our stakeholders to effectively implement the above initiatives.

If you need any additional information to allow for the release of these reserves, please contact Carlo Manaois, Sr. Organization Development and Contract/Budget Policy Analyst at <a href="mailto:carlo:manaois@sfgov.org">carlo:manaois@sfgov.org</a> and Denise Corvino, Deputy Director at <a href="mailto:denise.corvino@sfgov.org">denise.corvino@sfgov.org</a>.

I thank you in advance for your review and release of this reserve.

Ingrid Mezquita, Director

Sincerely