Good morning, my name is Angelica Salazar and I am the director of Education Equity at the Children’s Defense Fund-California. I am also representing the Brothers, Sons, Sisters Coalition.

We strongly support the Social Equity program and, specifically, we support the recommendation that 20% of the Community Reinvestment Fund be reserved for youth development and education.

It is critical that we include both the early childhood ages and the transition ages during young adulthood. Childhood doesn’t end right at age 18. It is especially important to support youth in the child welfare and juvenile justice systems.

Please support equitable funding for educational enrichment to high need youth ages 0-24. Thank you.