

RESOLUTION **RULES, ELECTIONS & INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS**

WHEREAS, any official position of the City of Los Angeles with respect to legislation, rules, regulations or policies proposed to or pending before a local, state or federal governmental body or agency must have first been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council with the concurrence of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, child care is an important issue for many Los Angeles families; and

WHEREAS, child care expense constitute a significant portion of many low- to middle-income working families'; and

WHEREAS, according to a recent study, of all children in California who are eligible for subsidized child care, only one in seven receive these services; and

WHEREAS, many families are unable to access the services because of challenging enrollment requirements or difficult regulations; and

WHEREAS, recent legislation has allowed 13 counties in California to set exceptions to statewide requirements for early learning and child care subsidized programs; and

WHEREAS, currently pending before the Assembly is, AB 2626 (Mullin), which would apply current early care and education subsidized program exceptions afforded in 13 counties to families and providers throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, AB 2626 would provide that a family seeking employment or experiencing homelessness as a basis for initial eligibility or ongoing eligibility shall receive services for not more than five days per week at six and half hours per day for not less than 12 months; and

WHEREAS, because the legislation increases access to subsidized early learning and care program for all families and maximizes efficient use of subsidized funding, families seeking employment or experiencing homelessness would be able to provide better childcare to their families;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with concurrence of the Mayor, that by adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2017-18 State Legislative Program SUPPORT for AB 2626 which would ease certain requirements regarding access to California subsidized child care, including allowing families seeking employment, homeless or incapacitated to be certified for a minimum 12-month period rather than 6 months, and eliminating the requirement that at least half of all students at subsidized child care centers be four years old, allowing for greater flexibility in enrollment.

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