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Honorable Board of Supervisors
Administration Building
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Board Members:

SUBJECT: Approval of Expenses for Foster Parent Appreciation Dinner Events

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Authorize signature authority to the Auditor-Controller to pay required deposits and expenses approved by Carol Collins, Assistant Agency Director for Children and Family Services, in support of the annual Foster Parent Appreciation Dinners during fiscal year FY 07/08- FY 09/10, not to exceed \$15,000.00 per year.

SUMMARY/DISCUSSION:

This letter requires action by your Board to approve expenses for the Foster Parent Appreciation Dinner events.

Annually in May, Alameda County Social Services Agency (SSA) helps to sponsor the Foster Parent Appreciation Dinner as agreed upon by the Alameda County Foster Parent Association and the Department of Children & Family Services. The recognition dinner is the department's opportunity to formally recognize the contributions of resource parents in providing safety, permanence and well being for dependent children and youth in Alameda County. The dinner allows foster parents to reacquaint themselves with old friends, be informed of exciting new policies and procedures the department is implementing, share experiences with one another, and assist in the recruitment of new foster parents. Most importantly, this event is an important tool utilized by the department in our retention efforts. Expenses are limited to foster parents and their special guests.

SUMMARY CRITERIA/PROCESS:

Not applicable.

FINANCING:

Funding for this event is included in the approved Alameda County Social Services Agency budget. There are no changes to net County cost resulting from your approval of this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Yolanda Baldovinos". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Yolanda Baldovinos
Interim Agency Director

c: Auditor-Controller
County Administrator
County Counsel

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