



Action Items and Correspondence for the 9/21/18 Planning Council Meeting

Action Item 6: Approve 2019 Public Policy Platform

Recommended by the Public Policy Committee

Background: Every year the Planning Council adopts a Public Policy Platform which is then used to guide our Public Policy Committee when considering recommended positions on legislation and also to guide the County's lobbyists when representing the County in the State Legislature and at the federal level. Past practice has shown that having broad statements about our priorities is an effective way to structure the platform. Every year the Council adds some specific priorities as well. The Public Policy Committee made a few wording changes as reflected in the "track changes" mode on the draft platform in Steering Committee packets.

Pros: This platform helps the County align with the Planning Council's priorities. It gives us a tool that showcases our priorities that we can use both internally and with external audiences, such as elected officials

Next Steps: Approve Platform and staff will integrate it in the County Legislative Platform in October to be reviewed and approved by the Board of Supervisors by the end of 2018 and then used by the County lobbyist in 2019.

Correspondence: Sign on To National Immigration Law Center statement opposing public charge rule changes

Recommended by the Public Policy Committee

Background: Performance Measure #1: Retained/Increased ECE Access

The Center for Law and Social Policy (CLASP) and the National Immigration Law Center (NILC) are co-chairs of the Protecting Immigrant Families Campaign. They have written a statement opposing proposed regulations from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security to discard longstanding policy about the meaning and application of the "public charge" provisions of immigration law by July 2018. This rule change is expected to constrict public benefits for immigrant families. First 5 Alameda County has signed on and asked other community partners to do the same. They state that such a rule change will have a detrimental effect on children and families. For example, Alameda County Social Services Agency estimates a 13% drop in people receiving public benefits in our county if this proposed rule change comes to pass. It is anticipated that it would also decrease the families eligible for Head Start, operated by seven contractors receiving \$44,824,955 in our County in 2017-2018 and serving 1,646 children. The Public Policy Committee recommended that the Planning Council sign on to this statement as part of the blanket statement regarding taking positions on federal policies that the Planning Council approved earlier this year.

Correspondence: AB 2960 (Thurmond)

Recommended by the Public Policy Committee

Background: Performance Measure #1: Retained/Increased ECE Access

This bill requires the State Superintendent of Public Instruction on or before June 30, 2022 to develop and post an online portal for consumers of the state's child care programs. It requires a task force to submit recommendations on or before June 30, 2020.



Next Steps: Because the Public Policy Committee took a position on this late in the legislative process, support for this bill is in the hands of individual Steering Committee members who can indicate their support to the Governor per the following:

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The support could resemble this:

Dear Governor Brown, I am contacting you to support AB 2960 related to an online portal for child care services. I think this bill is needed because (In my program, x, y, and z). Thank you for considering my perspective. Name, address, contact info.