

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**



**ITEM: 3.10  
(ID # 25627)**

**MEETING DATE:**  
Tuesday, July 30, 2024

**FROM :** EXECUTIVE OFFICE

**SUBJECT:** EXECUTIVE OFFICE: Authorization to facilitate selection process of 2024-2025 Local Planning Council (LPC) for Riverside County and Receive and File Letter from Riverside County Office of Education dated July 15, 2024, in response to letter from Consortium for Early Learning Services; All Districts. [\$0]

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Receive and file letter from the Riverside County Office of Education dated July 15, 2024, in response to letter from Consortium for Early Learning Services;
2. Authorize Executive Office to work with other County departments to facilitate the recruitment/selection process for the 2024-2025 Local Planning Council (LPC) members in accordance with the requirements of Welfare and Institutions Code §10485 and all California Department of Social Services' funding terms and conditions for LPCs; and
3. Authorize staff to submit California Department of Social Services, Certification Statement Regarding Composition of LPC Membership by September 9, 2024, to the appropriate governmental agency.

**ACTION:Policy**

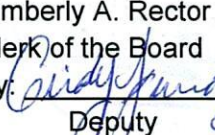
  
Kimberly Britt, ASST COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICER 7/23/2024

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**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

On motion of Supervisor Gutierrez, seconded by Supervisor Perez and duly carried by unanimous vote, IT WAS ORDERED that the above matter is approved as recommended.

Ayes: Jeffries, Spiegel, Washington, Perez and Gutierrez  
Nays: None  
Absent: None  
Date: July 30, 2024  
xc: E.O., DSS/LPC

Kimberly A. Rector  
Clerk of the Board  
By:   
Deputy

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<b>FINANCIAL DATA</b>	<b>Current Fiscal Year:</b>	<b>Next Fiscal Year:</b>	<b>Total Cost:</b>	<b>Ongoing Cost</b>
<b>COST</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>NET COUNTY COST</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>SOURCE OF FUNDS: N/A</b>			<b>Budget Adjustment:</b>	No
			<b>For Fiscal Year:</b>	24/25

**C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:** Approve

**BACKGROUND:**

**Summary**

Under the Child Care and Development Services Act, Welfare and Institutions Code 10485, et seq., the purpose of the local child care and development planning councils (LPCs) is to provide a forum for the identification of local priorities for child care and the development of policies to meet the needs identified within those priorities.

On July 17, 1991, Item 3.11, the Board of Supervisors (BOS), in agreement with the Riverside County Superintendent of Schools, designated the Child Care Consortium, known as Consortium for Early Learning Services (Consortium), as an LPC in Riverside County. Since 1991, the Consortium coordinated the functions of the LPC supported by funds from the California Department of Social Services (CDSS).

Upon information and belief, the Consortium continued to operate until December 31, 2023, when the terms served by the LPC membership expired. No timely and legally compliant membership roster was submitted by the Consortium for it to continue to serve as the Riverside County LPC.

On or about March 29, 2024, the County of Riverside received a notification letter from the Consortium's Executive Director which indicated that the Consortium would be relinquishing control and oversight of the LPC to the Riverside County Office of Education (RCOE) effective June 30, 2024.

However, on or about May 15, 2024, the County of Riverside received a second letter from the Consortium's Executive Director purportedly retracting its relinquishment of its LPC functions to the RCOE, stating its desire to continue to serve as the Riverside County LPC. Given the expiration of the LPC's membership roster in December 2023, Neither the Consortium or any other organization is able to serve as the County's LPC without the approval of a new and legally compliant membership roster to be approved by the County of Riverside BOS and the RCOE.

A dire need exists for an organization/agency to fulfill the functions of a local planning council to serve the families of Riverside County. In this regard, the County of Riverside seeks to recruit



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new members for this purpose according to California Welfare & Institutions Code section 10485, et seq.

Section 10485 directs a county board of supervisors to “publicize their intention to select the members and shall invite local organizations to submit nominations” as well as to establish the term of appointment for the members of the LPC. [WIC §10485(b)(1) and (b)(2).]

**Impact on Residents and Businesses**

Approval of this item allows the Board of Supervisors (and the county superintendent of schools) to appoint LPC members to ensure the LPC membership meets the council representation categories as mandated by AB 131 (Chapter 116, Statutes 2021; Welfare and institutions Code Section 260) and a good faith effort has been made by the appointing agencies to ensure the ethnic, racial, and geographic composition of the LPC is reflective of the population of the County.

In addition, it allows the Board of Supervisors (and the county superintendent of schools) to appoint LPC members to ensure alignment with the intention to increase access and quality in the Early Care and Education system in Riverside County as demonstrated by the Boards investments in workforce and facilities.

Finally, it allows a newly appointed Council to fulfill responsibilities including, but not limited to, submitting the past due Local Planning Council zip code priorities report which informs State funding levels for subsidized child care in Riverside County.

**ATTACHMENT:**

- A. Letter from RCOE in response to Consortium dated 7.15.24

  
Gregg Gu, Chief Deputy County Counsel      7/19/2024



**URGENT AND TIME-SENSITIVE**  
**VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL**

July 15, 2024

To: Consortium for Early Learning Services  
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Attention: Kate Hamaker  
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Re: **Consortium for Early Learning Services' July 10, 2024 Request for Riverside County Superintendent of Schools to Submit 2024-2025 Riverside County LPC Appointments by August 1, 2024**

Riverside County  
Board of Education

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Dear Ms. Hamaker:

I am in receipt of the July 10, 2024, request by the Consortium for Early Learning Services ("CELS") for the Riverside County Superintendent of Schools to submit 2024-2025 member appointments for the Riverside County Local Child Care and Development Planning Council ("LPC") by August 1, 2024.

Pursuant to California Welfare and Institutions Code § 10485(b), the Riverside County Superintendent of Schools and the Riverside County Board of Supervisors have the sole authority to appoint LPC members.

CELS may not mandate timelines for the Riverside County Superintendent of Schools and Riverside County Board of Supervisors to select LPC members.

The Riverside County Office of Education will work collaboratively with the Riverside County Board of Supervisors to recruit and select LPC members in accordance with the requirements of Welfare and Institutions Code § 10485 and all California Department of Social Services' funding terms and conditions for LPCs.

For these reasons, I hereby decline CELS' July 10, 2024 request for submission of LPC appointments by August 1, 2024.

Sincerely,

Dr. Edwin Gomez  
Riverside County Superintendent of Schools

Ms. Hamaker  
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