



DATE: October 1, 2019

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

FROM: Councilwoman Jeannine Pearce, District 2



SUBJECT: Delivering Progress: Transfer of Funds for Childcare at City Council

RECOMMENDATION:

Increase appropriations in the General Fund Group in the City Manager Department by \$2,000, offset by the Second Council District One-Time District Priority funds transferred from Citywide Activities Department to provide funds to Long Beach Forward to offer childcare services at city-hosted community meetings and events.

Decrease appropriations in the General Fund Group in the Citywide Activities Department by \$2,000 to offset a transfer to the City Manager Department.

DISCUSSION:

Studies have shown that parental involvement in civic activities promotes the “ethic of social responsibility” in their children. Parental involvement has also shown a strong predictor of future youth volunteering (Settle, Bond, & Levitt, 2011). Researchers have found increased youth participation when there is parental participation.

Testimonies from different organizations have stated the difficulty in finding childcare, making it inaccessible for parents to participate. As the progressive city that we are, it is our duty to be able to provide access and equitable solutions for all residents to participate in the decision-making process.

Childcare services would be provided by a licensed childcare provider upon request. A request shall be made 72 hours prior to the community meeting or event and have at least a minimum of five or more individuals to fulfill the process. Additionally, City Council requests for City Manager to ensure childcare services are provided adequately in city facilities or locations that are accessible and habitable for childcare use.

The agency will track the number of hours for each event and provide a report at the end of the grant to assess the needs and the continuation of the program.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This recommendation provides funds to Long Beach Forward to offer childcare services at city-hosted community meetings. The total appropriation increase of \$2,000 in the General Fund Group in the City Manager Department is offset by a decrease in appropriation in the General Fund Group in the Citywide Activities Department by \$2,000 from the Second Council District One-Time District Priority funds. This recommendation is anticipated to have a minimal impact on staff time outside of normally budgeted scope of work and minimal impact on existing Council priorities.