


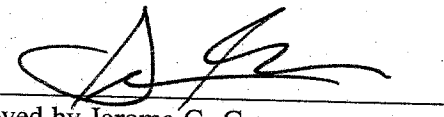


City of Carson Report to Mayor and City Council

September 7, 2010
New Business Consent

SUBJECT: CONSIDER RESOLUTION NO. 10-089 SUPPORTING OPPORTUNITIES TO EXPAND THE AVAILABILITY AND IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS IN CARSON


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Public Services General Manager


Approved by Jerome G. Groomes
City Manager

I. SUMMARY

This item is on the agenda at the request of Councilmember Davis-Holmes.

Los Angeles Universal Preschool (LAUP), a non-profit organization dedicated to increasing access to affordable preschool education in the community (Exhibit No. 1), is currently funding high-quality preschool opportunities for 83 children through four area providers in Carson (Exhibit No. 2). In an effort to encourage further investment in preschool opportunities such as what is provided to these children, the City Council is asked to consider adopting Resolution No. 10-089 (Exhibit No. 3).

II. RECOMMENDATION

TAKE the following actions:

1. WAIVE further reading and ADOPT Resolution No. 10-089, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, SUPPORTING OPPORTUNITIES TO EXPAND THE AVAILABILITY AND IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS IN CARSON."
2. DIRECT staff to transmit the adopted resolution to the Los Angeles Universal Preschool.

III. ALTERNATIVES

TAKE another action the City Council deems appropriate.

IV. BACKGROUND

Los Angeles Universal Preschool was established in 2005 to provide high-quality preschool education to the children in Los Angeles County. Since its inception, LAUP has touched the lives of more than 30,000 preschool-aged children through enriching curricula and nurturing environments aimed to best prepare four-year-olds to succeed in kindergarten and beyond.

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LAUP is currently funding high-quality preschool opportunities for 83 children through four area providers in Carson. Its annual investment of \$163,260.00 in Carson alone is providing high-quality preschool programs that prepare children for kindergarten and beyond, and build stronger communities. Continuing to work with LAUP will permit joint communication and discussion regarding upcoming public policy issues that are likely to affect the city's preschools and the future of children in Carson. The city of Carson is now asked to support the efforts of Los Angeles Universal Preschool (LAUP) to expand the availability and improve the quality of preschool programs in the city, thereby ensuring that LAUP's investment in Carson remains strong for years to come.

V. FISCAL IMPACT

None.

VI. EXHIBITS

1. Los Angeles Universal Preschool Information. (pg. 3)
2. Los Angeles Universal Preschool Providers in Carson. (pg. 4)
3. Resolution No. 10-089. (pg. 5)

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Reviewed by:

City Clerk	<u>City Treasurer</u>
<u>Administrative Services</u>	<u>Development Services</u>
<u>Economic Development Services</u>	<u>Public Services</u>

Action taken by City Council	
Date _____	Action _____



Los Angeles Universal Preschool

Los Angeles Universal Preschool (LAUP) is dedicated to giving every child in Los Angeles County an opportunity to attend a high-quality preschool. Building a universal preschool network is challenging in any county or state, however, and LAUP hopes to serve as a model for others who are making the commitment to prepare every child to succeed in kindergarten and beyond.

LAUP is serving LA County by:

- **Creating new preschool spaces efficiently** by, in addition to new buildings, providing funds to operate previously empty classrooms, and constantly looking for opportunities to maximize the use of public and private funds.
- **Making preschool more affordable** because it is often out of reach for middle- and working-class families. Many LAUP preschools are completely free, and no families are turned away because they cannot afford to pay or due to geographic location.
- **Giving preschools the funding they need** to run high-quality programs, because research shows that's the only way the potential benefits of preschool can be realized. The additional funding enables preschools to hire and retain qualified teachers, and fill their classrooms with materials that aid in learning.
- **Continuously improving quality** in the classroom through intensive quality coaching, support, and the development of exemplary practices in a number of important areas. LAUP even supports preschools that do not meet its initial standards for quality, so they may reach their potential and join our network.
- **Letting families choose** from a wide range of preschool programs. LAUP funds preschool classrooms in public schools (including charters), private schools, community and for-profit centers, and we are one of the few universal preschool programs to include home-based family child care programs as full partners. LAUP does not restrict enrollment in any of the programs it funds – all children are welcome. However, due to public funding restrictions, some LAUP-funded preschool programs have their own income limitations.
- **Attracting participation of preschools** by minimizing paperwork and maximizing innovation. While all providers should meet certain basic standards, we know that they face different challenges and present different opportunities. We take a "one size does NOT fit all" approach and seek to support our preschools, not run them.
- **Connecting our programs to their communities** by involving families in decision-making, working to overcome cultural and linguistic barriers, and developing programs that link community services to our preschools.

"I have been in the field for more than 30 years, and over that time I've developed a healthy cynicism about publicly funded programs. LAUP is proving itself different. Its staff understands that not every program has to look and feel the same, and they've supported our efforts to provide a varied, imaginative experience."

– Michelle Ventimiglia, LAUP Provider

LAUP's goal is to enroll as many four-year-olds as possible in high-quality preschools throughout Los Angeles County, where a universal preschool system would be the largest in the nation, and second largest among all state systems.

To find a list of preschools funded by LAUP, or to sign up for the LAUP newsletter, please visit www.laup.net, or call 866-581-LAUP (5287)

Los Angeles Universal Preschool Providers in Carson

Dolores Street Early Education Center
22309 Catskill Avenue
Carson, CA 90745

163,260

Ervin-Morgan
Family Child Care
116 E. 232nd Place
Carson, CA 90745

Elizabeth Robles-Martinez
Family Child Care
23720 Enola Avenue
Carson, CA 90745

Martinez Family Child Care
21004 Shearer Avenue
Carson, CA 90745



A non-profit organization providing high-quality preschool education to the children of Los Angeles County

RESOLUTION NO. 10-089

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, SUPPORTING OPPORTUNITIES TO EXPAND THE AVAILABILITY AND IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS IN CARSON.

WHEREAS, a quality preschool education promotes the successful intellectual, emotional and physical development of a child; and

WHEREAS, children who participate in high-quality preschool are better prepared for school, more likely to graduate from high school, less likely to get involved in crime, and more likely to contribute to the economy; and

WHEREAS, high-quality preschool is a wise public investment that yields social benefits and cost savings to society; and

WHEREAS, public policies that support quality preschool programs for all young children are crucial to the future of our communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the city of Carson, California, support opportunities to expand the availability and improve the quality of preschool programs in Carson.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 7th day of September, 2010.

Mayor Jim Dear

ATTEST:

City Helen S. Kawagoe

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Attorney

EXHIBIT NO. 03

