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Date: March 5, 2014
To: Interested Persons
From: Richard Cohen, Chair
Ancelma Sanchez and JoAnn Shalhoub-Mejia, Co-chairs, Policies
and Membership Work Group
Re: Membership Recruitment for Los Angeles County Child Care
Planning Committee – 2014-15

The mission of the Child Care Planning Committee (Planning Committee) is to engage parents, child care providers, allied organizations, community-based organizations, and public agencies in collaborative planning efforts to improve the overall child care and development infrastructure in Los Angeles County, including the quality and continuity, affordability, and accessibility for all families. It serves as the County's Local Planning Council with mandates established by State legislation, including assessing local needs and conducting a county-wide strategic plan for child care and development.

The Planning Committee is now recruiting members for Fiscal Year (FY) 2014-15 and hopes that you will take the time to complete and submit the attached application. **Applications are due by Thursday, May 8, 2014.** In addition to meeting the required categories for membership described in Section B of the application, the Planning Committee is committed to ensuring that the geographic, ethnic and cultural diversity of our County is reflected in the overall membership.

The Planning Committee's Policies and Membership Work Group reviews all applications and makes recommendations to the full membership. Upon adoption, the Planning Committee forwards the recommended membership slate to the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors and the Los Angeles County Superintendent of Schools for final approval.

We encourage applicants to carefully assess both your ability to participate in Planning Committee activities and commitment to the Mission Statement. Regular participation in the monthly meetings and in at least one Work Group is required of all members. The Planning Committee's focus for FY 2014-15 is implementation of the Strategic Plan for Child Care and Development for the County of Los Angeles – 2013-18. It is very important that every member be a working member. **CURRENT MEMBERS MUST RESUBMIT AN APPLICATION EACH YEAR.**

Additional information about the Planning Committee, including its work products, is available at the Office of Child Care website at www.childcare.lacounty.gov; click on "About Us" to locate the link to the "Child Care Planning Committee". Please feel free to contact Ancelma Sanchez at (213) 224-1240 x20, JoAnn Shalhoub-Mejia at (323) 935-4035 or Michele Sartell at (213) 974-5187 if you have questions. All Planning Committee and Work Group meetings are open to the public. Your participation regardless of membership is welcome.