



An Office of Child and Youth Success in San Diego

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Dear Candidate,

It is with great enthusiasm and urgency that youth residing in San Diego alongside partners in advocacy including child care providers, parents, and affiliated agencies write to offer partnership in establishing a critical resource for the City of San Diego: an **executive Office of Child and Youth Success**.

This new office, which exists in various forms in most major cities across the nation, would enable the new city administration to marshal city resources and leverage intergovernmental and community partnerships to make sure that those who are born, grow up, come of age and choose to raise a family in San Diego can thrive.

Such an office is especially important now. Our community must come together intentionally in support of children, youth and families if we are to have a resilient, equitable, and racially just recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic.

Attached you will find a concept paper that details the need, functionality, and next steps that may be considered for this office. As a City Council candidate, we look forward to understanding your perspective, ideas, and commitment around this important direction for our city. Your consideration of the attached document, and questions listed below are greatly appreciated.

Your response is appreciated by Thursday, September 17 to Funding the Next Generation Advisor, Laura Kohn at laura@laurakohn.org.

Responses will be made public and circulated to media.

We kindly ask you to consider:

- How would you ensure this is prioritized within the City budget?
- Please briefly describe your past experiences and commitment to children, youth, and their families.
- What gaps in service to children, youth, and their families do you currently see in San Diego?
- How do you define success for children, youth, and their families in San Diego?

Thank you for your time, attention, and commitment to San Diego.

