



Child Care Voter Guide

San Francisco **November 2024** Election

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Who We Are

The San Francisco Early Care and Education Advocacy Coalition (SF ECE AC), a group of organizations and individuals that work with children and families to support the advancement of early care and education through collaboration, leadership, advocacy, and amplification. We firmly believe that optimal working conditions, fair pay, and equal voices are fundamental in providing essential support to families and ensuring quality early care services for children.



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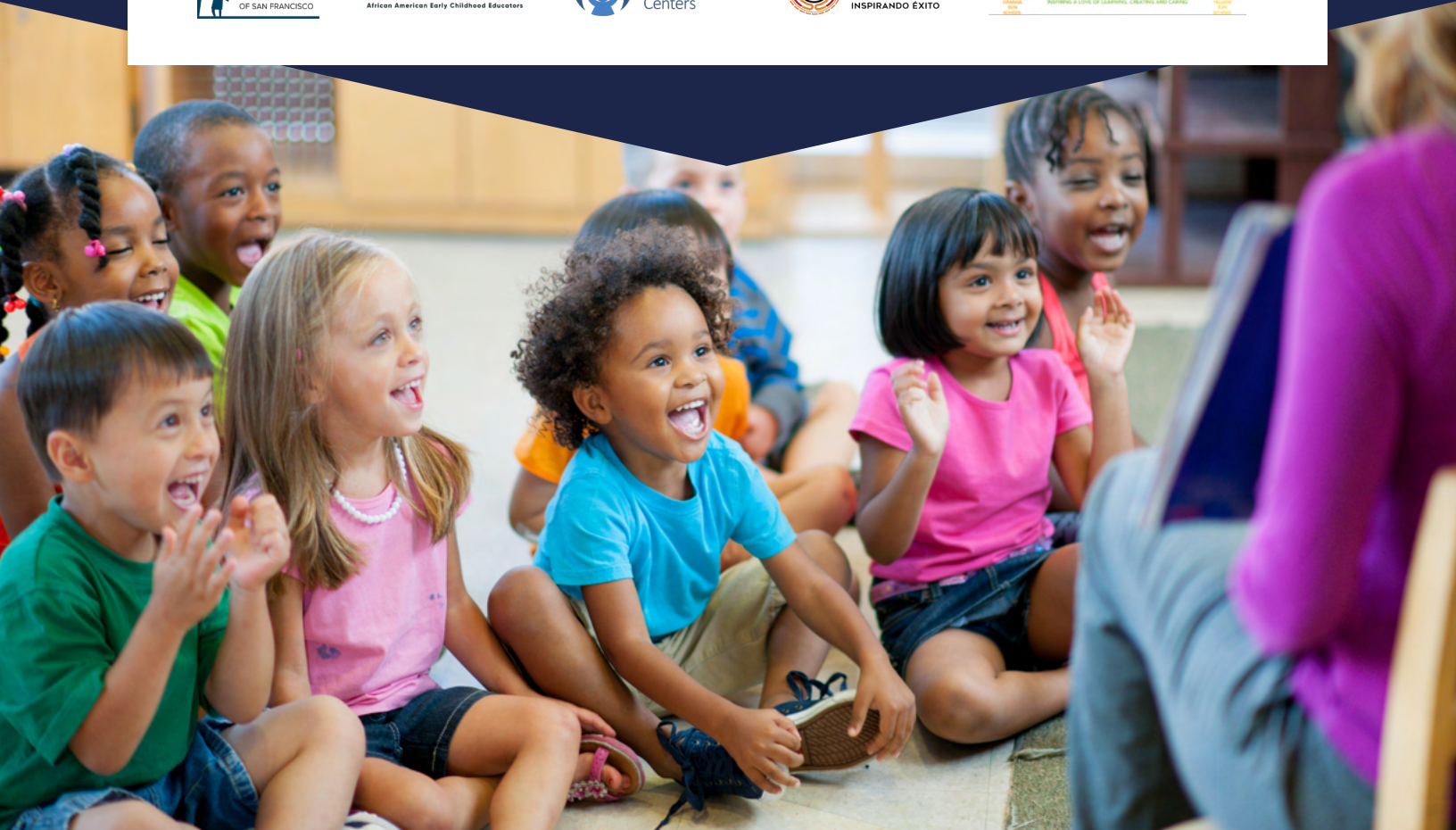
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Proposition A

This bond measure would authorize the issuance of bonds up to \$790 million to provide San Francisco Unified School District (SFUSD) financing for things such as Transitional Kindergarten (TK) facilities, new schools, kitchens and cafeterias as well as seismic safety upgrades.

Proponents Say

This proposition will fund essential upgrades to public school classrooms and schoolyards without increasing taxes. Many classrooms are 60 or more years old and must be improved to meet modern safety standards.

Opponents Say

SFUSD should use its existing budget, including prior bond measure funds, to make any needed changes.

Child Care Impact

Transitional kindergarten facilities are one of eight things listed in the measure that the funding created could go to.



Proposition D

Charter amendment to limit the City to 65 total commissions. 22 commissions would be retained, all others would be dissolved 16 months after the measure's effective date, subject to a process for the City to consider reauthorizing or restricting them within the 65-commission limit.

A five-member task force appointed by City officials would recommend within nine months which commissions should be reauthorized or restructured.

Any decision-making authority, except as state or federal law requires, would go to the head of the department the commission oversees.

The mayor would appoint at least 2/3 of members of the commissions and would have sole authority to hire and fire most department heads.

Proponents Say

San Francisco has too many commissions, many of which are 'redundant, wasteful and ineffective.'

This proposition would create a more accountable and efficient government.

Opponents Say

This proposition will 'drastically reduce public oversight and accountability.'

Many commissions on the chopping block provide for public participation, oversight, checks on government and transparency.

Child Care Impact

In June, the San Francisco Grand Jury recommended abolishing the Department of Early Childhood's Community Oversight and Advisory Commission (DEC COAC), labeling it 'redundant.'



Proposition E

This proposition would establish the Commission Streamlining Task Force which would make recommendations to the mayor and BOS about ways to modify, eliminate or combine the City's appointive boards and commissions. The task force's recommendations would be considered by the BOS and would be authorized to introduce an ordinance to effectuate its recommendations which would go into effect within 90 days unless rejected by a 2/3 vote of the BOS.

Proponents Say

This proposition would reform San Francisco's commission system the right way, providing for citizen input, review of legal restrictions that may apply, and full public hearings and it ensures citizen oversight and government accountability.

Opponents Say

This proposition fails to reduce the number of commissions or eliminate commissions that are unnecessary or duplicative, instead creating further bureaucracy.

Child Care Impact

Could affect the Department of Early Childhood's newly established Community Oversight and Advisory Committee depending on the recommendations put forth by the task force the measure would establish.



Proposition J

Creates an Our Children, Our Families Initiative to coordinate efforts by City departments and SFUSD to deliver outcomes-based services for children, youth and families, requiring the initiative to use an objective and measurable outcomes framework to evaluate the budget and spending of each City department with expenditures that include the Children and Youth baseline, Public Education Enrichment Fund (PEEF), the PEEF baseline or any discretionary funding allocated from the General Fund for children, youth and families.

Proponents Say

This measure ensures the City and SFUSD plan, coordinate and account for funding spent on children, youth and families to improve outcomes. It provides for better transparency and efficiency in the way the City allocates funding to address unmet need and improve outcomes.

Opponents Say

No opponent argument has been submitted for this proposition.

Child Care Impact

The Public Education Enrichment Fund (PEEF) is used, in part, to support early childhood education programs.



Proposition M

This proposition would adjust the way business taxes are structured in the City and County of San Francisco, depending on the type of business.

Proponents Say

The change to the City's tax structure would allow local, small businesses to thrive by reducing licensing fees, simplifying the tax system and lower business taxes that penalize businesses.

Opponents Say

This proposition would increase the burden for many businesses in the city. Some small businesses may see some helpful changes, mid-and large-sized employers will see significantly higher tax rates, potentially forcing them to cut jobs or reconsider operating in SF.

Child Care Impact

Beginning in late 2023, the child care community worked diligently with the Controller's office and other community-based organizations and coalitions to ensure that Baby Prop C, and the tax mechanism created to fund Baby C, were untouched in this proposed tax restructuring.





The San Francisco Early Care and Education Advocacy Coalition asked leading Board of Supervisors candidates in District 9 and District 11 the following question via a larger questionnaire:

In 2018 the voters of San Francisco passed Baby Prop C, the Universal Child Care for San Francisco Families Initiative, to establish a dedicated funding source for early care and education.

- a. Will you commit to ensuring that in any current or future tax reform Baby Prop C funding retains the same baseline of funding it receives now?
- b. Will you commit to ensuring these funds continue to be dedicated solely to early childhood education, in keeping with the intent of the voters?

District 9 Candidate Responses



Trevor Chandler: “I fully support Baby Prop C and will commit to ensuring that its funding remains intact in any future tax reform. I will also fight to ensure that these funds are used solely for early childhood education, maintaining the voters’ intent and ensuring that children in our city continue to receive the support they need during their most formative years.”



Jackie Fielder: “Yes, I will do everything possible to ensure the integrity and base-line funding of Baby Prop C and seeing it implemented as the voters intended. I am aware that there has been enormous pressure to use the funds intended for early care and education in Baby Prop C for other purposes. I will never support that and I will fight efforts to sabotage the intent of Baby Prop C as I supported it then and support it now.”



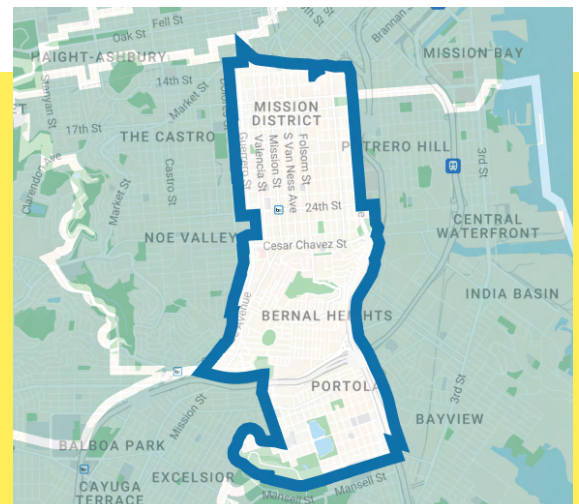
Roberto Hernandez: “Yes to both! I would publicly support a baseline commitment to funding Baby Prop C for early childhood education and maintain the voters’ intent to protect this funding for this purpose, which includes child care affordability, expanding ECE access and teacher compensation.”



Stephen Torres: “Yes” and “Yes”



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District 11 Candidate Responses



Chyanne Chen: “Yes!” and “Yes!”



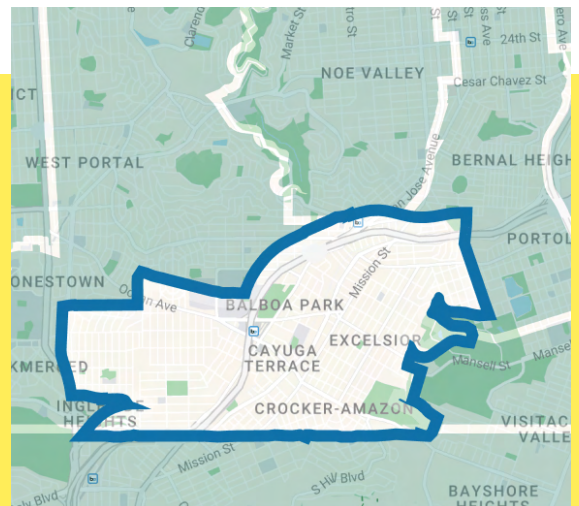
Ernest EJ Jones: “Yes, I will commit to ensuring that in any current or future tax reform Baby Prop C funding retains the same baseline of funding it receives now.” and “Yes, I will commit to ensuring these funds continue to be dedicated solely to early childhood education, in keeping with the intent of the voters.”



Michael Lai: “Yes, I attended one of the first Baby Prop C rallies and am a huge advocate for it!!”



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Mayoral Candidate Responses

The San Francisco Child Care Planning and Advisory Council asked the same question to leading mayoral candidates.



London Breed: “I intend on implementing voter initiatives with fidelity while also remaining a responsible steward of public funds.”



Mark Farrell: “The intent of voters is to fund universal childcare and despite the tax being collected, the city has not deployed the funding or enacted the system to deliver universal childcare. I’m committed to achieving the goal of universal childcare as evidenced by my policy platform and the funding to deliver it.” and “I’m committed to universal early childcare and the funding to make it happen.”



Daniel Lurie: “Absolutely” and “Absolutely”



Aaron Peskin: “Yes, as a strong proponent of Baby Prop C, I will proudly commit to this.” and “Yes, using these funds to backfill other policy priorities violates the public trust by going against the will of the voters.”



Ahsha Safai: “Absolutely” and “Absolutely”



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