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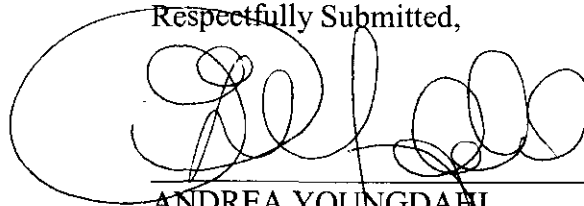
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TO: Office of the City Administrator
ATTN: Deborah A. Edgerly
FROM: *Department of Human Services*
DATE: September 28, 2004

RE: **RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE OAKLAND FUND FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH PLANNING AND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ON THE KIDS FIRST! FUND BALANCE AND THE COMMITTEE'S RESPONSE TO THE CITY AUDITOR'S REPORT**

Attached is a letter from the Oakland Fund for Children and Youth Planning and Oversight Committee (POC). A representative from the POC will be available to answer questions.

Respectfully Submitted,



ANDREA YOUNGDAHL
Director, Department of Human Services

Attachment

FORWARDED TO THE
LIFE ENRICHMENT COMMITTEE

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OFFICE OF THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR



September 28, 2004

LIFE ENRICHMENT COMMITTEE
Oakland City Council

**Subject: Oakland Fund for Children and Youth Planning and Oversight
Committee Recommendations on the Kids First! Fund Balance
and City Auditor's Report**

Chairperson Chang and Members of the Committee:

In July of this year the City Council received and approved the Planning and Oversight Committee's (POC) funding recommendation of \$9.036 million to fund 74 programs providing services to the children and youth of Oakland for 2004-05. We commend and thank the Members of the Council for doing so.

That action ensured the full funding of 74 programs as well as partial funding for one program on the Oakland Fund for Children and Youth (OFCY) wait-list. Six additional programs, worthy as well of recommendation based on the quality of their programming, remained unfunded on the Wait List.

Subsequently, the POC reviewed the findings of the City Auditor as outlined in his recent report regarding OFCY revenues and expenditures for the period July 1997 through December 2003. This report included a determination of the fund balance of the OFCY. After further discussion by our own Fiscal Subcommittee and in action taken at the POC meeting of September 1, 2004, the POC recommends the following, regarding the fund balance:

- ❖ An allocation of \$562,547 of the fund balance to fully fund the 6 programs on the 2004-05 OFCY Wait-list;
- ❖ The timely receipt by the OFCY of all funds identified by the City Auditor as due the OFCY;
- ❖ Use of the fund balance to ensure continuing support for children and youth programming at currently established funding levels, and
- ❖ Use of the fund balance for the maintenance of our effort, for ongoing programming and for special initiatives as recommended by the POC and consistent with objectives established in our strategic planning efforts.

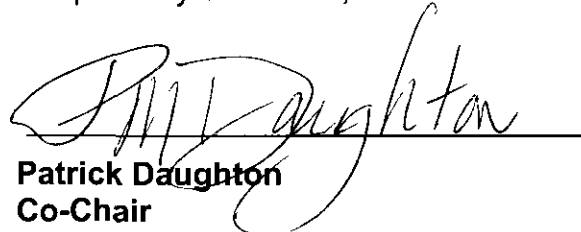
Examples of special POC-identified initiatives might include efforts to address heretofore underserved populations or to help bridge specific neighborhood or community programming gaps. The OFCY strategic planning process, currently underway to establish guideposts for years 9 through 12 of the original Measure K legislation, presents itself as an excellent opportunity to explore and secure the best specific uses of the fund balance.

We as a Committee take seriously our responsibility to properly oversee disposition of the OFCY fund balance and, now that its specific composition is known to us, fully intend to do so. We trust that our recommendations meet your expectations and are deserving of your support.

An immediate action needed would be the additional allocation of OFCY monies sufficient to fund contracts for the remainder of the wait-listed programs. We would hope that this could be accomplished as quickly as possible so as to minimize further delay in bringing services to the children and youth served by those programs.

Thank you for your patience, consideration, and for all you do for the children and youth of Oakland.

Respectfully submitted,



Patrick Daughton
Co-Chair
Planning & Oversight Committee
Oakland Fund for Children and
Youth