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Summary: The United Neighborhoods of the Historic Arlington Heights, West Adams and Jefferson Park Communities Neighborhood Council (UNNC) supports a pilot project that would provide basic financial income and support for “emancipated” foster youth who have aged out of the foster care system. Existing state law provides for a child welfare system that protects abused and neglected children, but that support and protection ends abruptly when the child ages out of the system. Youths exiting the foster care system face significant challenges, and often cannot afford the basics: housing, food and clothing. At the same time, state and federal support for providers of housing solutions for this population, dubbed “TAY” (Transition Age Youth, age 18-24) have been severely cut back, leading to homelessness and other crisis issues. The State Legislature is considering a bill, modeled after a pilot program in Stockton, California that provides 125 low income residents a basic income for a period of two years, that would provide for TAY youth participating in this proposed 3-year statewide pilot program unconditional monthly payments of \$1,000. According to the Council resolution presented by Joe Buscaino, “SB 739 could represent a first step in addressing the dire needs faced by youth exiting the foster care system and shield them from financial hardship, homelessness, and further distress.” The legislation also asks the State Department of Social Services to administer and monitor the program, reporting the results at the end of the 3-year pilot program. UNNC welcomes and supports this action, and urges the Los Angeles City Council to add this legislation to its State Legislative advocacy program.