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Summary: The Silver Lake Neighborhood Council strongly urges the City Council to support California SB 739.



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To: City Council and Committees

Re: Council File 21-0002-S66, Support CA SB 739, a statewide UBI pilot for Transitional Age Youth

The Silver Lake Neighborhood Council urges the City Council to support California Senate Bill 739. SB 739 would pilot a statewide universal basic income (UBI) program providing \$1,000 per month to Transitional Age Youth exiting the foster care system at age 21. The pilot program would last for 3 years and serve approximately 3000 Transitional Age Youth (TAY) per year.

As of January 2021, there are over 38,000 children in the Los Angeles County child welfare system.¹ The Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services is the largest child protective services agency in the nation.² We owe it to the children in our care to equip them with resources and support as they transition to adulthood, and SB 739 would do just that.

Transitional Age Youth (TAY) are young people age 18-24 in the foster care system. At age 18, youth are eligible for Extended Foster Care. At age 21, those services are abruptly cut off; these kids are vulnerable and must overcome significant challenges as they transition into adulthood and financial independence. A 2018 study entitled *Findings from the California Youth Transitions to Adulthood Study (CaYOUTH): Conditions of Youth at Age 21* states,

“...despite the help they received, on average these young people are faring poorly compared to their age peers across many measures of well-being, including their educational attainment, employment, economic self-sufficiency, physical and mental health, and involvement with the criminal justice system.”³

As proposed, SB 739 would offer TAY a measure of stability, financial independence, and give our youth the opportunity to pursue education and job opportunities. These resources will ward off food insecurity and housing instability. A UBI for TAY will undoubtedly prevent many

¹ <https://dcfs.lacounty.gov/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/Face-Sheet-January-2021.pdf>

² <https://dcfs.lacounty.gov/about/who-we-are/>

³ https://www.chapinhall.org/wp-content/uploads/CY_YT_RE0518_1.pdf (page 160)

young people from falling into homelessness. We further recommend consideration of additional wraparound services to support TAY.

This proposed pilot program would not be the first of its kind; a UBI pilot program for low and middle-income residents in Stockton has shown promising results.⁴ The author of SB 739, Senator Dave Cortese, oversaw a UBI pilot program for foster youth in Santa Clara. While the results are still being studied, Senator Cortese stated, “We learned even more about the need than we perhaps knew in the first place...There’s just a tremendous need, and the pandemic has exacerbated everything.”⁵

The Silver Lake Neighborhood Council strongly urges the City Council to support California SB 739.

Sincerely,

The Silver Lake Neighborhood Council

[17] Yes [0] No [0] Present not voting [4] absent

Cc:

LA County Board of Supervisors

⁴ <https://www.paloaltoonline.com/news/reports/1615232360.pdf>

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<https://imprintnews.org/foster-care/california-considers-universal-basic-income-for-former-foster-youth/52337#:~:text=California%20Considers%20Universal%20Basic%20Income%20for%20Former%20Foster%20Youth,-By%20Sara%20Tiano&text=Under%20Senate%20Bill%20739%20%E2%80%93%20introduced,or%20UBI%2C%20for%20three%20years.>