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The final report of the Blue Ribbon Commission on Child Protection (BRCCP) recommended that the County establish a closer working relationship with the philanthropic community to help improve the child protection system, noting that the Director of the OCP “. . . should reach out to the philanthropic community and build strategic partnerships to help improve the child protection system. . . . The power of public-private partnerships has been under-utilized by the County to date and should be an important strategy for improving services”.¹

The recommendations presented by the BRCCP were widely supported by the philanthropy community. A group of philanthropists have formed the Foster Care Funders Collaborative under the leadership of the Southern California Grantmakers (SCG), a regional association representing over 200 grantmakers that builds relationships between the private and public sectors and enhances the impact of individual and collaborative projects for the public good. The SCG’s Funders Collaborative is specifically interested in identifying ways in which they can work with

¹ *The Road to Safety for Our Children*. Final Report of the Los Angeles County Blue Ribbon Commission on Child Protection. (Apr. 18, 2014. p. 13.)

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Los Angeles County to improve outcomes for our most vulnerable children and families.

On June 16, 2015, the Board of Supervisors directed the Interim Director of the Office of Child Protection (OCP), in consultation with the Interim Chief Executive Officer (CEO), to work with SCG to develop options for establishing a philanthropy liaison within the OCP, including estimated costs, timeframes, and the identification of funding through a combination of philanthropic and County resources. The goal of the philanthropy liaison office is to develop a collaborative relationship between the County and philanthropic community for the purpose of identifying and implementing joint projects to improve the outcomes of vulnerable children and their families.

On September 23, 2015, the CEO issued a report providing a conceptual design of the proposed philanthropy liaison office, staffing options for that office, as well as related costs, funding options, and timeframes.

WE, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors approve the conceptual design for the office and direct the Interim CEO and the Interim Director of the OCP to:

1. Establish the Center for Strategic Public-Private Partnerships (Center) within the Office of Child Protection;
2. Staff the Center with no more than three County employees or three consultants, or an appropriate combination thereof, as recommended in the CEO's September 23, 2015 report, and at the respective base salaries not to exceed the amounts identified in the CEO's report; and as appropriate, based upon qualifications for the position;
3. Develop and execute an agreement with SCG to identify the County's and SCG's respective roles and responsibilities in jointly funding the costs of the Center staff who will perform the work of the Center;

4. Develop and execute the necessary agreements to procure the services of any consultants that will be hired to perform the work of the Center;
5. Request ordinance authority for any of the Center positions that will be filled by a County employee, if appropriate.
6. Appropriate the County's shared cost for the Center, for fiscal years 2015-16, and 2016-17 through the Provision Financing Uses designated for Blue Ribbon Commission Recommendations;
7. At the end of fiscal year 2015-16, or as soon as is practical to do so, and working closely with SCG, conduct an analysis to determine whether the Center's initiatives and efforts are supportive of vulnerable children and families and the effectiveness of its efforts.
8. If the analysis determines that the Center meets the needs of the County and philanthropy, develop a funding sustainability plan where the County's share of the Center's cost are shared among County Departments identified in the Board's June 16, 2015 motion.
9. Report back to the Board within 90 days with a status update on progress made in establishing and operationalizing the Center.

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