



**Agenda Item 7**  
**May 4, 2016**

**DATE:** April 25, 2016

**TO:** Children and Families Commission of Orange County

**FROM:** Christina Altmayer, Executive Director 

**SUBJECT:** First 5 Association of California and Professional Association Memberships for 2016

**ACTION:** Adopt resolution authorizing payment to the First 5 Association of California for annual membership dues and authorize funding for professional association memberships.

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**SUMMARY:**

The Children and Families Commission of Orange County are members of statewide and local organizations that support the Commission's vision that all children are healthy and ready to learn. Commission approval is requested to continue participation as members the First 5 Association of California, Southern California Regional Committee, and other professional associations through 2016.

**DISCUSSION:**

**First 5 Association of California**

The First 5 Association is a membership organization of the 58 First 5/Children and Families Commissions in California. The Association members meet quarterly, three times in Sacramento, and once in the Los Angeles area. The First 5 Association supports the members by providing a collective voice for the county commissions on health and early education issues; facilitating information sharing and communication; providing resources and assistance that promote the effective implementation of Proposition 10 programs; and serving as a hub for statewide initiatives and collaboration.

The First 5 Association structure includes an executive committee, and committees for program, evaluation, communication, finance and advocacy. Commission staff participates on the statewide committees. The First 5 Association recently hired a new policy director to manage the increase in policy work. The result of this hire has been a more prominent presence in policy discussions and input on legislative proposals. The First 5 Association has been impactful of numerous priorities important to your Commission including the Board of Equalization (BOE) legislative proposals, the Joint Legislative Audit Committee review of BOE, and Denti-Cal. Through the Association outreach Commission staff was able to participate in the Little Hoover Commission's audit of Denti-Cal, which resulted in positive comments about First 5 Commissions throughout the State and the Orange County Commission in particular. Participation in the First 5 Association with a membership fee of \$59,901 is recommended for 2016.

### **Southern California Regional Committee**

The First 5/Children and Families Commissions are divided into six regions throughout the state. Orange County is one of eight counties in the southern California region which spans from Imperial to Santa Barbara counties. Members of the southern California region meet regularly throughout the year to collaborate on common issues and programs, and to communicate the regional impact of Proposition 10 investments in similar programs. The counties in the southern California region are expected to host one meeting each year. The meetings are held bi-monthly at the First 5 LA office due to its central location and proximity to the train station. Approval to participate in the southern California regional meetings and to host one of the meetings is recommended.

### **Professional Associations**

Developing and nurturing strategic community partnerships are included in the Commission's Strategic Plan. Both in-kind and paid memberships comprise a network of professional colleagues for the exchange of information and ideas, access to professional training, professional literature on issues of Commission interest and education of the Commission's mission and goals. The Commission approved a policy in May 2013 authorizing the Executive Director to approve memberships within the funding authority of \$50,000, an amount previously established by the Commission. The following are memberships that have been included in prior year budgets and are recommended for renewal in fiscal year 2016/17.

<b>Organization</b>	<b>Membership Fee</b>
First 5 Association of California	\$59,901
Orange County Health Funders Partnership	\$10,000
Association of California Cities – Orange County (ACC-OC)	\$10,000
Orange County Business Council	\$5,000
Orange County Funders Roundtable	\$5,000
Orange County Forum	\$1,000
Southern California Grantmakers	\$7,000
Government Financial Officers Association (GFOA)	\$160
California Society of Municipal Finance Officers (CSMFO)	\$110

### **STRATEGIC PLAN & FISCAL SUMMARY:**

This item has been reviewed in relation to the Strategic Plan, and is consistent with all outcome goals. Funding for professional memberships and regional meeting expenses are included in the proposed fiscal year 2016/17 Budget in the administration category.

**PRIOR COMMISSION ACTIONS:**

- July 2015 – Approved one-year membership to the Southern California Grantmakers Regional Association.
- May 2015 – Authorized funding for the First 5 Association of California membership dues and approved funding contribution to support regional meeting expenses.
- February 2014 – Authorized membership dues for the First 5 Association and the Southern California Alliance for Learning and Results
- February 2013 – Authorized funding to support for the Southern California Alliance for Learning and Results and approved funding contributions to support regional meeting expenses
- October 2012 – Renewed funding contribution for the Southern California Alliance for Learning and Results
- January 2012 – Approved funding contributions for statewide and regional partnership activities

**RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:**

1. Adopt resolution authorizing payment to the First 5 Association of California for annual membership dues in an amount not to exceed \$59,901.
2. Authorize funding for professional association memberships.
3. Approve the funding contribution as required to support regional meeting expenses and authorize payment by the Auditor-Controller upon approval by the Executive Director.

**ATTACHMENT:**

1. Resolution

**Contact:** Kelly Pijl

**CHILDREN AND FAMILIES COMMISSION OF ORANGE COUNTY**

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_-16-C&FC**

**May 4, 2016**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CHILDREN AND FAMILIES COMMISSION OF ORANGE COUNTY AUTHORIZING First 5 ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA FOR ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES**

**WHEREAS**, in order to facilitate the creation and implementation of an integrated, comprehensive, and collaborative system of information and services to enhance optimal early childhood development, the legislature adopted legislation set forth in the California Children and Families Act of 1998, Health and Safety Code Section 130100, *et seq.* (as amended, the “Act”) implementing the Children and Families First Initiative passed by the California electorate in November, 1998 and establishing the California Children and Families Commission and County Children and Families Commissions, including this Children and Families Commission of Orange County (“Commission”); and

**WHEREAS**, Commission adopted its Strategic Plan to define how funds authorized under the Act and allocated to the Commission should best be used to meet the critical needs of Orange County’s children prenatal to five years of age as codified in the Act; and

**WHEREAS**, Commission desires to participate and benefit from memberships in First 5 Association; and

**WHEREAS**, Membership dues for First 5 Association exceed Executive Director’s funding authority; and

**WHEREAS**, Commission desires to benefit from memberships in professional associations in furtherance of the purposes of the Act and the Strategic Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, Commission has reviewed the staff report for the May 4, 2016 Commission meeting relating to the benefits of First 5 Association membership and hereby finds and determines that the proposed membership is in furtherance of and consistent with the Commission’s Strategic Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, Commission desires to authorize the Executive Director, or designee, to fund First 5 Association membership dues as described in the May 4, 2016 staff report for this Agenda Item in the amounts and form the terms consistent with the May 4, 2016 staff report therein;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE CHILDREN AND FAMILIES COMMISSION OF ORANGE COUNTY AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1** Commission finds and determines the foregoing Recitals are true and correct and are a substantive part of this Resolution.

**Section 2** Commission authorizes the Executive Director, or designee, to fund First 5 Association membership dues as described in the May 4, 2016 staff report for this Agenda Item in the amounts and for the terms consistent with the May 4, 2016 staff report therein.

**Section 3** Commission hereby approves First 5 Association membership dues set forth in the May 4, 2016 staff report for this Agenda Item in the amounts and for the terms as specified in the May 4, 2016 staff report for this Agenda Item.

**Section 4** The Executive Director, or designee, is hereby authorized to execute First 5 Association membership payments on behalf of the Commission.

**Section 5** In addition to the authorization of Section 2 above, the Executive Director, or designee, is hereby authorized, on behalf of the Commission, (i) to sign all documents necessary and appropriate to attain and maintain the professional association memberships, and (ii) to cause the issuance of warrants, and (iii) to administer the Commission's obligations, responsibilities, and duties to be performed under such memberships.

**Section 7** The Clerk of the Commission shall certify to the adoption of this Resolution.

The foregoing resolution was passed and adopted by the following vote of the Children and Families Commission of Orange County on May 4, 2016 to wit:

AYES Commissioners: \_\_\_\_\_

NOES Commissioner(s): \_\_\_\_\_

EXCUSED Commissioner(s): \_\_\_\_\_

ABSTAINED Commissioner(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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CHAIR

STATE OF CALIFORNIA )  
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COUNTY OF ORANGE )

I, ROBIN STIELER, Clerk of the Commission of Orange County, California, hereby certify that a copy of this document has been delivered to the Chair of the Commission and that the above and foregoing Resolution was duly and regularly adopted by the Children and Families Commission of Orange County.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereto set my hand and seal.

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ROBIN STIELER  
Clerk of the Commission, Children and Families Commission of  
Orange County, County of Orange, State of California

Resolution No: \_\_-16-C&FC

Agenda Date: May 4, 2016

Item No. \_\_



I certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Resolution adopted by the

ROBIN STIELER, Clerk of the Commission

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy