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## **PARENT VOICES CALLS FOR CHILD CARE JUSTICE AMID GOV. NEWSOM'S REVISED STATE BUDGET RELEASE *FAMILIES URGE ELECTED LEADERS TO CHOOSE KIDS, NOT BILLIONAIRES***

**SACRAMENTO, CA**— Parent Voices heads to the State Capitol for its **29th annual Stand for Children Day** on **Wednesday, May 14th**—coinciding with the release of Governor Newsom's May Revise State Budget. Currently, children, families, and child care providers are under attack, at risk of losing access to healthcare and early childhood education funding. Nearly 400 working parents and their children are expected to rally at the State Capitol to demand child care justice. Parent Voices is calling on elected leaders to choose kids, not billionaires.

Ayinde Love is an organizer for Parent Voices Los Angeles and a father of a 2-year-old boy who would benefit from child care access. **"We are looking to the Governor and lawmakers to pass a final budget that pauses tax breaks for the wealthiest, not a pause on promises made to expand child care and pay child care providers dignified wages,"** said Ayinde.

Miren Algorri is a mother and a child care provider. She is a member of Parent Voices San Diego and Child Care Providers United California (CCPU). Right now, she is pursuing a bachelor's degree in Child & Family Development at San Diego State University and is an advocate for universal child care and ensuring providers are paid the true cost of care. Miren delayed her education until her children became adults. She knows firsthand the challenges of today's student parents and child care providers.

**"Child care is the most important industry there is because we're shaping the future of the United States of America,"** said Miren. **"But, in San Diego, we live in a child care desert, which means that parents struggle to find affordable child care spots for their children, especially parents with young infants and toddlers. When**



**parents do not have access to child care, they become invisible and are unable to reach the finish line, like getting an education.”**

Parent Voices urges state leaders to protect social services, not slash them to cover California’s \$22 billion projected deficit. Instead of prioritizing billions of dollars in tax breaks for the ultra-wealthy as an annual expenditure, these funds must be redirected to support families in need. The Governor’s current budget proposal makes no further investment towards the 200,000 additional child care spaces promised in previous budget agreements, with California still 77,000 spaces short of fulfilling that commitment. Nearly two million children qualify for subsidized care, yet only 11% are enrolled.

Assembly Majority Leader Cecilia Aguiar-Curry, Chair of the Legislative Women’s Caucus, is one lawmaker who will join Parent Voices on Stand For Children Day. **“As a single mother who’s raised two children, I’ve experienced how difficult it can be to provide for your family if you can’t access or afford child care,”** said Aguiar-Curry. **“If providers can’t afford to keep their doors open, parents won’t be able to work, businesses will close, and our entire economy will suffer. I’m proud to keep fighting for accessible child care for all California families and for a livable wage for all providers.”**

This year, on Stand for Children Day, Parent Voices is demanding more elected leaders prioritize children over billionaires. Their advocacy focuses on five key demands: (1) Ensure Universal Child Care Access for All Families, (2) Review Tax Loopholes for Billionaires and Corporate Giants, (3) Reimagine CalWORKs for Economic Justice, (4) Build Anti-Deportation Safety Net, and (5) Supporting AB 1248 to Ban Unfair Junk Fees for Renters (Asm. Matt Haney).

**“The too-big-to-fail corporations—like the ‘Silicon Six’—paid \$278 billion less in taxes than they should have,”** said Mary Ignatius, Executive Director of Parent Voices. **“The working class are the economic engine that powered California to become the world’s 4th largest economy. And yet it’s the working class who are benefiting the least while struggling to keep up with the skyrocketing cost of living in California.”**

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## **STAND FOR CHILDREN DAY 2025 SCHEDULE**

- WHO:** Parent Voices, Parent Leaders, Child Care Providers, Elected Officials
- WHEN:** Wednesday, May 14, 2025, 10 AM
- WHERE:** California State Capitol  
1315 10th St., West Steps  
Sacramento, CA 95814
- WHAT:** Parent Voices California will rally and march for its 29th annual Stand for Children Day to advocate for child care justice. Parent Voices local chapters from across nine counties will meet with their local elected officials at the State Capitol to make their voices heard.
- WHY:** Stand for Children Day: To demand elected leaders choose kids, not billionaires, coinciding with the release of Governor Newsom's May Revise State Budget.

### **RUN OF SHOW:**

#### **10:15 AM – 10:45 AM | Rally**

10:15 - 10:18 - MC Intro and Roll Call—America Caballero (PV Santa Clara) & Ayinde Love (PV Los Angeles)

10:18 - 10:21 - Parent Story: CalWORKs— Briana Burks (PV Contra Costa)

10:21 - 10:23 - Spoken Word—Lindsey Dawn Garcia (PV Los Angeles)

10:23 - 10:27 - Provider Story—Miren Algorri (CCPU, PV San Diego)

10:27 - 10:28 - Song Performance "Rise Up"—Adora Nzewi (PV Youth Leader)

10:28 - 10:32 - Parent Story: Immigration — Maria (PV Marin)

10:32 - 10:40 - Elected Official Remarks: Assembly Majority Leader Cecilia Aguiar-Curry (D-Winters) and Asm. Patrick Ahrens (D-Silicon Valley)

#### **10:45 AM – 11:15 AM | March**

#### **11:15 AM – 11:45 AM | Lunch**

#### **12:00 PM – 3:00 PM | Legislative Visits & Family Activities**

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