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STATEMENT

**PARENT VOICES CA TO GOVERNOR NEWSOM: KEEP YOUR
CHILD CARE PROMISE!**

SACRAMENTO – Parent Voices CA (PVCA) issued this statement in response to Governor Gavin Newsom’s recent revised state budget release:

Although Governor Newsom's May revision of the state budget includes \$3 billion in revenue solutions, Parent Voices is disappointed and deeply frustrated because it is not enough to keep his promise to reach 200,000 new child care spaces. This now leaves more than 77,000 families stuck on what is now known as the "No Hope" child care waitlist.

The May Revise reveals the tale of two parents in California.

The Governor made a promise to fund 200,000 new child care spaces [back in 2021](#). In Los Angeles, [Marilynda](#) was fortunate enough to receive affordable child care while in pursuit of her education. In just two years, she went from living in a homeless shelter with her daughter, Serenity, to achieving her dream this month of walking across the stage at USC with a master’s in social work.

Meanwhile, in Marin County, [Carmen](#), a wife, mother of four, and caregiver of her late sister’s two children, remains stuck on the “No Hope” waitlist because the Governor’s May Revised budget is 77,000 child care spaces short of his promise. Carmen’s husband is ill, and she can’t afford to work as a caregiver for the elderly because it means losing most of her paycheck to child care costs instead of paying for rent and food.

In the face of budget cuts, Marilynda and Carmen are standing in solidarity despite their circumstances. They are working together with [Parent Voices CA](#) to advocate for child



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care spaces and the true cost of care for providers.

California is the fourth-largest economy in the world, and it is powered by child care providers, low-wage workers, immigrants, and working families. They deserve to share in the prosperity they help create, not be left behind and punished. The Governor should identify every available revenue option, like closing the Water's Edge corporate tax loophole, which could generate an [estimated \\$4 billion annually](#). Instead, the Governor's budget proposal reduces providers' already poverty wages with a lower cost of living adjustment than proposed in January.

Parent Voices CA will keep bringing awareness around the “No Hope” waitlist by sharing real-life stories of parents like Carmen and Marilynda, and we will work with the Governor and the state legislature to ensure the promise to fund child care becomes a reality in the final state budget. Superheroes choose Kids, not Billionaires!

MEET CARMEN & MARILYNDA



You can learn more about PV Marin parent leader Carmen Perez. Read the “Child Care Waiting Game” now. See attached PDF or [click here](#).

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Parent Voices is a parent-led grassroots organization fighting to make quality child care accessible and affordable for all families. There are eight local chapters across California, including Alameda, Contra Costa, Los Angeles, Marin, Oakland, San Diego, San Francisco, Santa Clara, and Sonoma.