SUMMARY ACTION MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING
FIRST 5 ORANGE COUNTY, CHILDREN & FAMILIES COMMISSION

Wednesday, October 7, 2026, 9:00 A.M.

Orange County Transportation Authority Conference Center
550 South Main Street
Orange, California

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Commissioner

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Commissioner

ATTENDANCE: Commissioners Filbeck, Hirneise, Kelley, Damikolas, Rivera Sarmiento and Tran

EXCUSED: Commissioners McInnes and Salazar

PRESENT:	PRESIDENT/CEO	Kimberly Goll
	COMMISSION COUNSEL	Cassie Trapesonian
	CLERK OF THE COMMISSION	Maria Sevilla, Deputy

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pledge of Allegiance led by Commission Counsel Cassie Trapesonian

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PRESENTATIONS: (Item 1)

1. Receive Presentation on School District Partnerships
   PRESENTED (COMMISSIONER FILBECK ABSTAINED FROM DISCUSSION AND DECLARED HER AFFILIATION WITH ANAHEIM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT AND COMMISSIONER DAMIKOLAS ABSTAINED FROM DISCUSSION AND DECLARED HER AFFILIATION WITH TUSTIN UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

CONSENT CALENDAR: (Items 2 - 3)

ON THE MOTION OF COMMISSIONER HIRNEISE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER TRAN, APPROVED ITEM AS RECOMMENDED (COMMISSIONER RIVERA ABSTAINED FROM DISCUSSION AND VOTE ON ITEM 3 AND DECLARED HER AFFILIATION WITH CALOPTIMA
Ayes: Filbeck, Kelley, Hirneise, Damikolas, Rivera, Sarmiento and Tran
Excused: McInnes and Salazar

2. Approve Updated Roster of Qualified Consultant Applicants

3. Receive Update on Current and Potential Work with CalOptima Health

PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS: (Item 4)

4. Conduct Public Hearing to Receive and Authorize Certification of the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Annual Report
   COMMISSION ORDER: CLOSED PUBLIC HEARING

   ON THE MOTION OF COMMISSIONER DAMIKOLAS, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SARMIENTO, APPROVED ITEM AS RECOMMENDED
   Ayes: Filbeck, Kelley, Hirneise, Damikolas, Rivera, Sarmiento and Tran
   Excused: McInnes and Salazar

REGULAR ITEMS: (Item 5)

5. Receive Update on First 5 Orange County's Messaging and Brand
   RECEIVED

PRESIDENT/CEO REPORT: (Item 6)

6. Receive the President/Chief Executive Officers Report
   a. Community Outreach Update
   b. Financial Update
   c. State and Federal Policy Update
   d. Strategic Plan Progress Report

   RECEIVED

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CLOSED SESSION: (Item 7)

7. Closed Session will be Held as follows:
    a. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957(b) to evaluate the performance of the President/CEO, Kimberly Goll
    b. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6 to meet with the designated representative, Vice Chair Vicente Sarmiento, regarding the compensation of the President/CEO, Kimberly Goll

COUNSEL READ: ON A MOTION FROM COMMISSIONER RIVERA AND A SECOND FROM COMMISSIONER TRAN, COMMISSIONERS MCINNES AND SALAZAR ABSENT, UNANIMOUSLY DETERMINED THAT THE PRESIDENT/CEO, KIMBERLY GOLL, EXCEEDED HER PERFORMANCE EXPECTATIONS FOR 2025, THEREBY RESULTING IN A 3% CPI INCREASE PER THE TERMS OF HER CONTRACT.

PUBLIC & COMMISSION COMMENTS:

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

COMMISSION COMMENTS:
Commissioner Filbeck - Oral - Welcomed new staff Jose Rios; encouraged everyone to check with your cities on free things to do and resources like libraries

ADJOURNED: 10:31 A.M.

(1st number = Moved by; 2nd number = Seconded by)

/s/
VICENTE SARMIENTO
Vice Chair

/s/
Maria Sevilla, Deputy
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Agenda Item 1
October 7, 2026

DATE: September 28, 2026

TO: First 5 Orange County

FROM: Kimberly Goll, President/CEO

ACTION: Receive Presentation on School District Partnerships

SUMMARY:
This item will provide an overview of First 5 Orange County's long-standing partnership with local school districts, highlighting the evolution of collaborative efforts to strengthen early learning supports for children ages 0–5. The presentation summarizes historical milestones, program successes, and changing statewide early learning conditions, including the implementation of Universal Transitional Kindergarten and expansion of California State Preschool Program services. During the presentation, we will outline proposed updates to continued funding and scopes of work in response to declining revenues, shifting community needs, and district capacity. Cristina Blevins, Early Learning Senior Program Officer will make the presentation.

ATTACHMENT:
Presentation

CONTACT: Cristina Blevins

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Partnership with School Districts



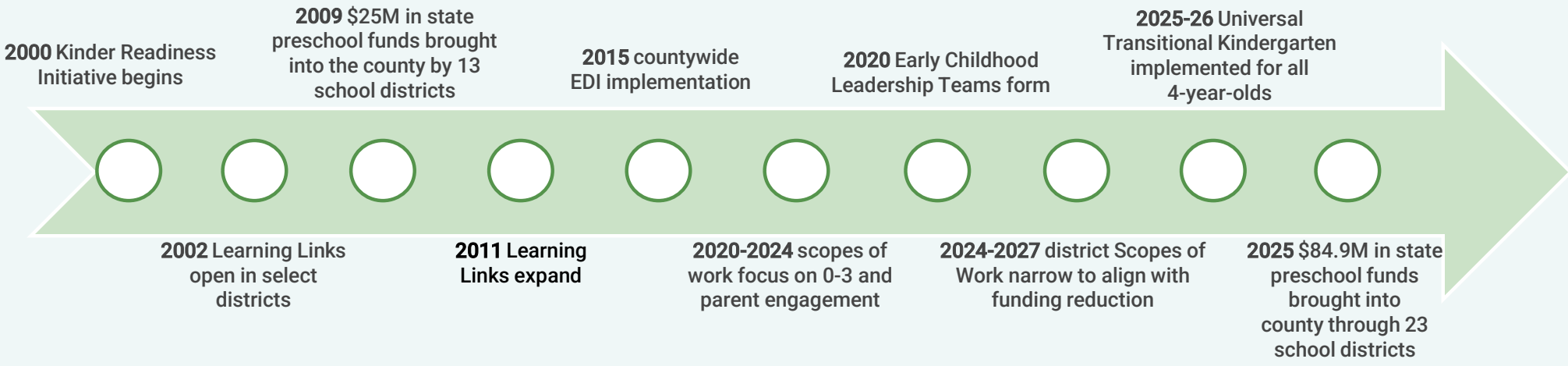


Today, We Will Share…

- History of Our Partnerships
- Transformation of School District Supports for Children 0-5
- Approach to Continued Funding and Scope of Work
- Next Steps

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History of Program



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Current Program Components

- **School District Leadership Support**
  - Implement Early Childhood Leadership Teams, early childhood program visibility on district communication channels
- **Collect & Use Data**
  - Collect and use Early Development Index to support early childhood education, with a focus on priority neighborhoods
- **Parent Engagement**
  - Implement Learning Links and parent education to empower caregivers
- **Community Engagement**
  - Build relationships with community-based partners, including child care providers

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Successes Since 2005

290,333
Children Engaged



329,342
Parents Engaged

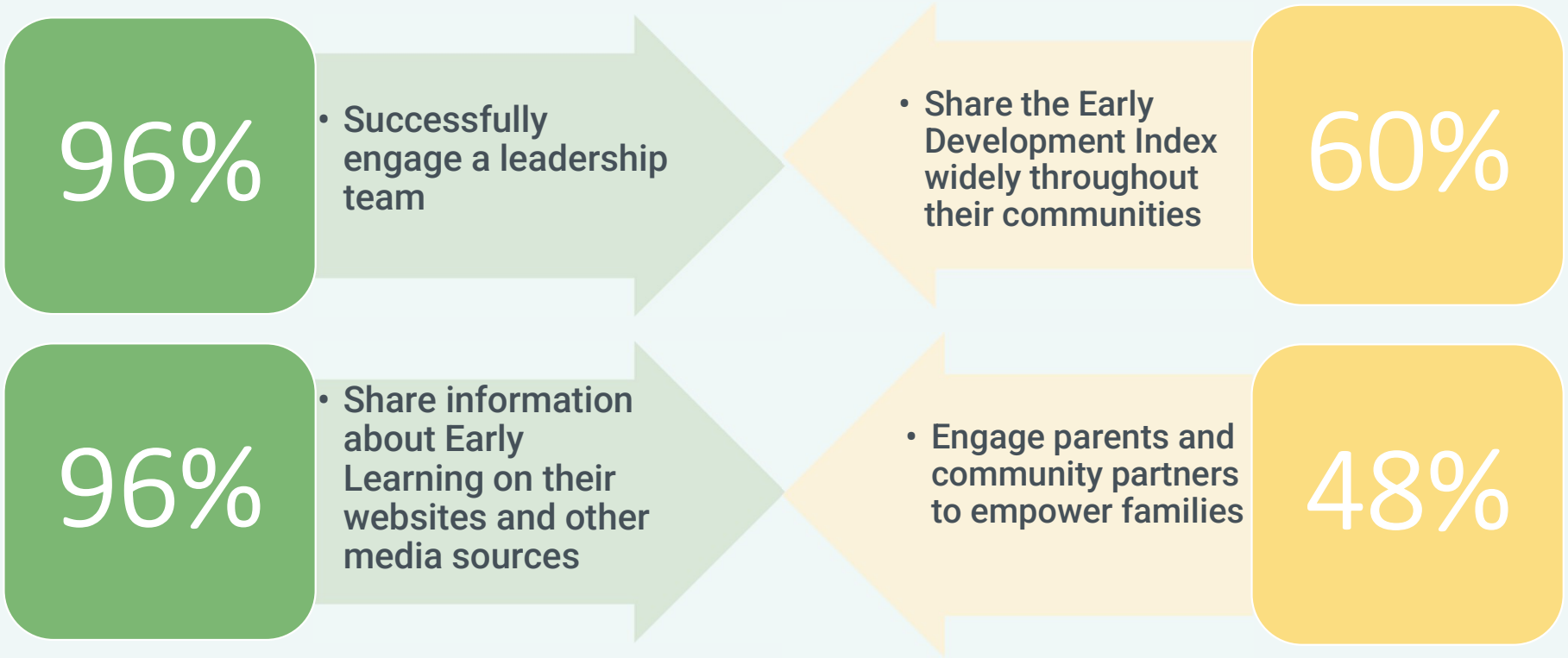


40,791
Providers Engaged



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Progress



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Transformation of School District Supports for Children 0-5



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Context Has Changed

Universal Transitional Kindergarten

- Serving 4-year-olds

California State Preschool Program

- Serving 2-year-olds to 4-year-olds

Learning Links

- Serving 0 to 5-year-olds

Attitudes on Early Learning Programming and Intervention

- Districts now serve 94% of kindergarten population in PK and TK programming



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Proposed Funding and Scope of Work

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Funding Context & Approach

- Accelerated Decline in First 5 OC Revenue
- Lower Student Enrollment Due to Shrinking County Population
- Strategic Focus on Children Ages 0–3
- Align Funding with Districts' Expanded Services for 4- and 5-year-olds
- Continue to Support High Priority Neighorhoods



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Feedback from Districts

- Strong desire to serve children and families in their community
- Parents' needs are shifting
- Value the continued focus on Early Development Index data, Learning Link expansion, and early childhood mental health, noting strong alignment with district priorities
- Interest in long-term sustainability and other revenue options





Scope of Work

Goal 1: Collect and Use Early Development Index to Support Early Learning

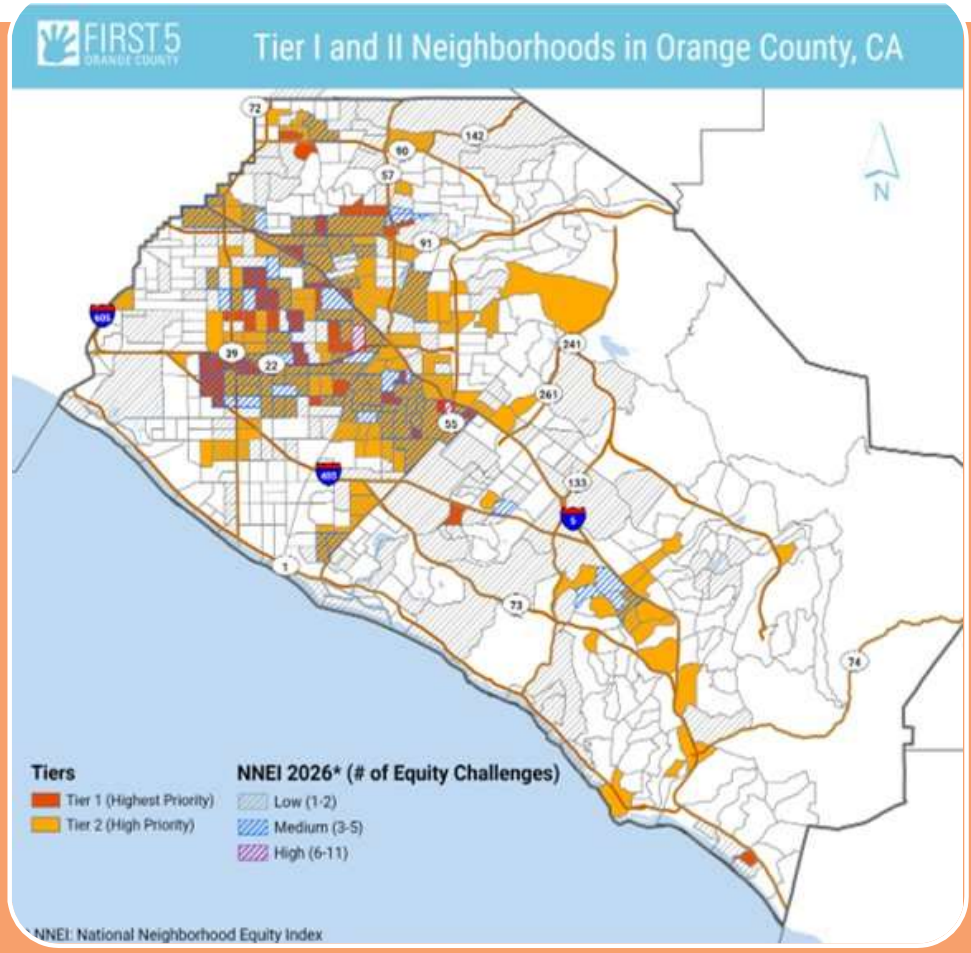
- Collect EDI data in 2027-28 school year
- Disseminate findings internally to leadership groups and externally to families and community partners

Goal 2: Community Engagement and Expansion of Services for Children Ages 0-3

- Implement Learning Link programming, prioritizing priority neighborhoods
- Explore expanded mental health and social emotional services for younger children

Funding Based On:

- District size using kindergarten enrollment data from 2024-25
- Number of priority neighborhoods
  - Using California Strong Start Index, Family Financial Stability Index, and Early Development Index
- Minimum funding of $50,000



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Funding Allocations

- 30% funding decrease overall
- Total 3-year investment (2027-2030) = $7,451,523
  - Inclusive of Early Development Index teacher stipends of $636,039
- Annual First 5 OC budget allocation = $2,271,828



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Next Steps



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Exploration of…

- Support for families that have children with special needs with Part C (Regional Center) to B (School District) transition
- Assess and support school districts in exploring Children and Youth Behavioral Health Initiative (CYBHI) reimbursement for expanded mental health and social emotional services to younger children

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Questions?

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Agenda Item 2
October 7, 2026

DATE: September 22, 2026

TO: First 5 Orange County

FROM: Kimberly Goll, President/CEO

ACTION: Approve Updated Roster of Qualified Consultant Applicants

SUMMARY:
First 5 Orange County's business model relies on consultants to provide subject matter expertise and help develop and implement strategies that advance our strategic plan. This item requests approval of an updated roster of qualified applicants for Fiscal Year 2026-2027.

DISCUSSION:
Periodically, First 5 Orange County releases a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) to invite applicants interested in providing consultant services to ensure that we have the most comprehensive pool of qualified consulting applicants. Placing qualifying applicants on these rosters does not obligate us to utilize their services, and no commitment is made to issue contracts to them or engage their services in any way.

In February, we updated our roster of qualified consultants across a range of subject matters. In July, we released an RFQ to meet the need for additional consulting support for photography and videography as we enhance our in-house communications capability and capacity.

Attachment 1 presents the full up-to-date Roster of Qualified Applicants inclusive of all prior submittals. Staff recommends approval of the full updated roster.

STRATEGIC PLAN & FISCAL SUMMARY:
The proposed action has been specifically reviewed in relation to the Strategic Plan and is consistent with its goals. No funding is requested for this item.

PRIOR COMMISSION ACTIONS:
- August 2026 – Approve Updated Roster of Qualified Consultant Applicants
- June 2026 – Approve Consultant Service as Subject Matter Experts in Evaluation, Medi-Cal/Healthcare, Child Care, and Communications
- February 2026 – Approve Roster of Qualified Consultant Applicants

RECOMMENDED ACTION:
Approve updated roster of qualified consultant applicants.

ATTACHMENT:
1. Updated Roster of Qualified Applicants by Subject Matter Expertise

CONTACT: Michael Garcell

Early and Ongoing Health and Development	Andrews Bush & Associates LLC	MK Consulting Syndicate, Inc.
	CEEQ, Center for Empathy and Emotional Intelligence, LLC	Noorture, LLC
	Debra Mathias	Principle Strategic Advisors
	Ehrenpreis Consulting, Inc.	Reflective AF LLC
	Health Management Associates, Inc.	San Diego Strategy Group, LLC. (dba NP Strategies)
	Health Plus Studio, Inc.	Sharyn Konick
	Katie Tran	Social Impact Advising Group, LLC
	Luisa Mari Soto	Start Well
	Margarita McCullough	
Safe, Stable and Nurturing Homes	Anila A. Neumeister	MK Consulting Syndicate, Inc.
	CEEQ, Center for Empathy and Emotional Intelligence, LLC	MY Team Effort Inc.
	CM Consulting & Wellness, LLC	Nicolas Mazzeo
	Deborah McBee	Noorture, LLC
	Health Management Associates, Inc.	Principle Strategic Advisors
	Health Plus Studio, Inc.	Raygoza Consulting, LLC
	Kidz Koncierge LLC	Reflective AF LLC
	Luisa Mari Soto	Sharyn Konick
	Margarita McCullough	Start Well
	Maria Guadalupe Gomez	Susan Diaz
Neighborhoods that Support Young Children and Families	Andrews Bush & Associates LLC	Low Income Invesment Fund
	CEEQ, Center for Empathy and Emotional Intelligence, LLC	Maria Guadalupe Gomez
	Charitable Ventures	MK Consulting Syndicate, Inc.
	Deborah McBee	Muckenthaler & Associates, Inc.
	Ersoylu Consulting	Napa County Office of Education, Research and Professional Development Center
	Garrett Maxwell Agency LLC	Ponce Consulting LLC
	Ginger Lee Global Consulting Group, LLC	Reflective AF LLC
	Health Plus Studio, Inc.	San Diego Strategy Group, LLC. (dba NP Strategies)
	Jacqueline Tran Nakasone dba Jacqueline Tran	Social Impact Advising Group, LLC
	Jennifer L. Shepard	Sudario and Associates, Inc.
	Joan Lundbohm	Susan Diaz
	Katie Tran	Venture Strategic
	Looking Ahead LLC	Wallace Walrod
Equitable Distribution of	Andrews Bush & Associates LLC	Maria Guadalupe Gomez
	Charitable Ventures	MK Consulting Syndicate, Inc.

Resources	Ersoylu Consulting	Muckenthaler & Associates, Inc.
	Garrett Maxwell Agency LLC	Noorture, LLC
	Ginger Lee Global Consulting Group, LLC	Parsons Consulting, Inc.
	Health Management Associates, Inc.	Reflective AF LLC
	Health Plus Studio, Inc.	Social Impact Advising Group, LLC
	Jacqueline Tran Nakasone dba Jacqueline Tran	Social Policy Research Associates
	Katie Tran	Susan Diaz
	Low Income Invesment Fund	
Data Analysis, Evaluation, and Focus groups	Andrews Bush & Associates LLC	Keene Insights
	Charitable Ventures	Limor Consulting, Inc. (dba Datalink Partners)
	Children and Family Futures, Inc.	Low Income Invesment Fund
	Cities & People Partners	Measurement Resources Company
	Ehrenpreis Consulting, Inc.	MK Consulting Syndicate, Inc.
	Ersoylu Consulting	Muckenthaler & Associates, Inc.
	EVALCORP	Napa County Office of Education, Research and Professional Development Center
	Garrett Maxwell Agency LLC	Orange County Department of Education
	Ginger Lee Global Consulting Group, LLC	Parsons Consulting, Inc.
	Harder+Company Community Research	Raygoza Consulting, LLC
	Health Management Associates, Inc.	San Diego Strategy Group, LLC. (dba NP Strategies)
	Health Plus Studio, Inc.	Social Impact Advising Group, LLC
	Jacqueline Tran Nakasone dba Jacqueline Tran	Social Policy Research Associates
	Katie Tran	Wallace Walrod
Project Management	Andrews Bush & Associates LLC	Luis Alvarado Design, Inc.
	Anila A. Neumeister	Luisa Mari Soto
	Charitable Ventures	Margarita McCullough
	Cities & People Partners	Maria Guadalupe Gomez
	CM Consulting & Wellness, LLC	Mixte Communications
	Deborah McBee	MK Consulting Syndicate, Inc.
	Ehrenpreis Consulting, Inc.	Muckenthaler & Associates, Inc.
	Ersoylu Consulting	Napa County Office of Education, Research and Professional Development Center
	Friendly Fundraisers LLC	Parsons Consulting, Inc.
	Garrett Maxwell Agency LLC	Pitzer LLC
	Ginger Lee Global Consulting Group, LLC	Principle Strategic Advisors

	Health Management Associates, Inc.	Raygoza Consulting, LLC
	Health Plus Studio, Inc.	San Diego Strategy Group, LLC. (dba NP Strategies)
	Jacqueline Tran Nakasone dba Jacqueline Tran	Sharyn Konick
	Joan Lundbohm	Social Impact Advising Group, LLC
	Katie Tran	Susan Diaz
	Looking Ahead LLC	Venture Strategic
Strategic Communications	Mark Mendoza/ AdGyld	
Contract Compliance and Audit	Anila A. Neumeister	MK Consulting Syndicate, Inc.
	ASM LLP	Muckenthaler & Associates, Inc.
	Charitable Ventures	Raygoza Consulting, LLC
	Ginger Lee Global Consulting Group, LLC	Sharyn Konick
	Health Plus Studio, Inc.	Sherry L Gilbey
	KNL Support Services	Talent Advisers
	Luisa Mari Soto	
Organizational & Professional Development	Anila A. Neumeister	Maria Guadalupe Gomez
	Bureaucom LLC	MK Consulting Syndicate, Inc.
	CEEQ, Center for Empathy and Emotional Intelligence, LLC	Muckenthaler & Associates, Inc.
	Charitable Ventures	Parsons Consulting, Inc.
	Cities & People Partners	Pitzer LLC
	CM Consulting & Wellness, LLC	Principle Strategic Advisors
	Curt Pringle & Associates	Raygoza Consulting, LLC
	Deborah McBee	Reflective AF LLC
	Friendly Fundraisers LLC	San Diego Strategy Group, LLC. (dba NP Strategies)
	Garrett Maxwell Agency LLC	Sharyn Konick
	Ginger Lee Global Consulting Group, LLC	Social Impact Advising Group, LLC
	Golden Hour Life Coaching LLC	Talent Advisers
	Health Management Associates, Inc.	The Relevant You, Inc.
	Health Plus Studio, Inc.	Venture Strategic
	Luisa Mari Soto	
Language Translation	Alicia Ramirez	Mimi Thuong
	Banafshe Sharifian	Miriam N Golia
	Bureaucom LLC	Translations 4 All, Inc
	Ivonne Velasquez Borja	Venture Strategic

Photography and Videography	Tripepi	Rule of Thirdz
	Noah Red	Carly Stone
	Derrick Busch	Kenish Gill
	Wolfgang Media	Daniel Meza Photography
	Tami Kailoa	Jasmine Martinez

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Agenda Item 3
October 7, 2026

DATE: September 29, 2026

TO: First 5 Orange County

FROM: Kimberly Goll, President/CEO

ACTION: Receive Update on Current and Potential Work with CalOptima Health

SUMMARY:
As a critical systems partner in Orange County, CalOptima Health plays an important role in advancing shared priorities that support children, families, and communities. This agenda item outlines current collaborative efforts between First 5 Orange County and CalOptima Health and highlights an opportunity we are pursuing to expand this important partnership to include Perinatal Transitional Care Services.

DISCUSSION:
First 5 OC has a long-standing partnership with CalOptima Health. They participate in systems work related to improving developmental screening and linkage to services (Detect & Connect OC) and have funded implementation of dyadic care at HealthySteps clinics supported by First 5 OC. We have also begun implementing a shared Memorandum of Understanding to improve coordination, alignment and accountability across shared priorities. Recently, we identified an opportunity for First 5 OC to partner with CalOptima to support Perinatal Transitional Care Services (TCS) for pregnant and postpartum CalOptima Health Community Network (CCN) members. These current and potential collaborations are described in greater detail below.

Current Work with CalOptima Health

Detect & Connect OC
CalOptima Health is an important and consistent partner participating in the Detect & Connect OC collaborative. The Steering Group met in September to identify priorities and topics for the coming year and agreed on three priorities for exploring collaborative strategies:

- Medi-Cal Enrollment and Reenrollment: Ensure families with young children maintain Medi-Cal coverage and do not experience unnecessary gaps in coverage.
- Data Access & Use: Strengthen data sharing for understanding, strategic actions/solutions, and accountability. First 5 OC will coordinate with the CHIP Care Navigation Pediatric Subgroup to explore opportunities for data access and strategic solutions.
- Early Diagnosis and Treatment: Explore opportunities to improve access to early diagnosis and treatment for autism diagnosis and speech and language services.

As evidenced by these topics, continued engagement of CalOptima Health – as the MCP serving the largest proportion of children with Medi-Cal in Orange County – is vital for meaningful system impact through this collaborative.

HealthySteps Programs in Clinics Across Orange County

With funding support from CalOptima Health, First 5 OC launched an initiative to support 10 pediatric clinics to implement the HealthySteps model, a dyadic care approach that integrates behavioral health and developmental support into adult and pediatric primary care. CalOptima Health provided $150,000 per clinic and allocated $380,000 to First 5 OC for technical assistance for up to 24 months.

The clinics have been implementing the HealthySteps model and serving families across Orange County. First 5 OC has been a learning partner with CalOptima Health, sharing insights on the positive impact of dyadic care with noticeable growth in well child visits/screenings and postpartum visits. This approach has also strengthened the bilateral connection between addressing children's medical needs and providing families with direct mental health support. By integrating these services, HealthySteps reduces barriers families may experience in accessing coordinated, whole person care.

Memorandum of Understanding

The California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) issued an All Plan Letter requiring Medi-Cal managed care plans (MCPs) to establish partnerships with third-party entities, including, but not limited to, First 5 County Commissions. In response, we worked with CalOptima to establish a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that includes operating guidelines to support ongoing collaboration.

The operating guidelines provide a framework for regular leadership meetings to improve coordination, alignment, and accountability across shared priorities. This work includes quality improvement efforts, data sharing, participation in system-change initiatives such as the Home Visiting Collaborative and Detect & Connect OC, and distribution of resources such as Kid Builders and Speech and Language toolkits. Through this partnership, First 5 OC and CalOptima Health have targeted areas of need for prenatal and pediatric populations, informed by standard MCP performance measures.

The first meeting under this framework took place on Thursday, September 24, 2026, with each organization sharing strategic initiatives and opportunities for additional collaboration. While we anticipate these meetings to occur quarterly, we agreed to meet again in October to allow First 5 OC to share the many activities and initiatives that intersect with priority populations at CalOptima.

Potential Work with CalOptima Health

First 5 OC is currently seeking to partner with CalOptima Health to support Perinatal Transitional Care Services (TCS) for pregnant and postpartum CalOptima Health Community Network (CCN) members identified as moderate risk. The California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) recently updated its Population Health Management Policy Guide to establish TCS for perinatal Medi-Cal members. MCPs are encouraged to update their contracts with their qualified network providers to include moderate-intensity TCS services and are required to provide appropriate training, technical assistance, or other resources to support successful implementation. DHCS guidance allows care coordination to include any entity capable of performing the required tasks.

We believe we are well-suited to provide these services to CalOptima Health. We submitted a proposal to them that would leverage our existing Bridges Hospital Network, Healthy Steps clinics, and community partnerships, and create a dedicated Perinatal TCS Care Manager trained to address the unique needs of pregnant and postpartum members. The approach is designed to complement existing care management services, strengthen transitions between hospital and community settings, and improve client engagement and health outcomes. Funding would be needed from CalOptima to

deliver Perinatal TCS services to their clients, and would support staffing, supervision, documentation, referral coordination, and the delivery of consistent, high-quality care.

The proposed services we would deliver include care coordination, behavioral health linkage, postpartum follow-up, social needs navigation, reproductive life planning, dyadic care, and sustained case management, aligning with the scope of services outlined by DHCS. Perinatal Care Manager(s) would provide comprehensive, whole-person, community-based support consistent with Perinatal TCS core service elements, including high-touch engagement across medical, behavioral, and social domains for pregnant individuals identified as moderate risk.

Through this potential investment, First 5 OC and CalOptima Health could build on existing infrastructure to create a more coordinated and responsive experience for pregnant and postpartum CCN members, while further strengthening connections among the health plan, hospitals, and community-based services.

We will continue to update the Board as discussion with CalOptima advances related to this potential future funding opportunity.

STRATEGIC PLAN & FISCAL SUMMARY:
The update has been reviewed in relation to First 5 Orange County's Strategic Plan and aligns with its goals. No First 5 OC funding is requested for this item.

PRIOR COMMISSION ACTIONS:
- February 2026 – Authorization of MOU with CalOptima Health
- August 2024 – Approval of Agreements with Participating Clinics for the Dyadic Academy
- April 2024 – Approval of Agreement with CalOptima to Receive Funding to Participate in Community Health Worker Learning Academy
- April 2023 – Receive Presentation on Landscape Analysis for Speech and Language Services

RECOMMENDED ACTION:
Receive update on current and potential work with CalOptima Health.

ATTACHMENTS:
None

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Agenda Item 4
October 7, 2026

DATE: August 31, 2026

TO: First 5 Orange County

FROM: Kimberly Goll, President/CEO

ACTION: Conduct Public Hearing to Receive and Authorize Certification of the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Annual Report

SUMMARY:
First 5 Orange County is required to conduct a public hearing to approve the annual program report and audit that is then submitted to First 5 California and the State Controller's Office. This item includes the annual program report and an update regarding the independent audit conducted by Eide Bailly LLP.

DISCUSSION:
The California Children and Families Act of 1998 (Health and Safety Code Sections 130140 & 130150) requires that each county commission complete an annual audit and program report of the preceding fiscal year, conduct a public hearing on the audit and program reports, and submit both to the First 5 California Commission, and the audit report to the State Controller's Office on or before November 1st of each year. The annual program report has been completed and is submitted for the public hearing.

First 5 California annually requests each county commission's Executive Director to certify compliance with Health and Safety Code Section 130140 (Fiscal Memo 10-01) prior to July 1 to remain eligible to receive Proposition 10 tobacco tax revenues. This certification was submitted to and approved by First 5 California in July 2026, prior to the prescribed deadline. First 5 California also requests that each county commission certify that Commission funds have been used only to supplement, not supplant, existing program funding for grantees. Authorization is requested for the President/CEO to provide the required statement that First 5 Orange County did not use its funding to supplant existing program funds.

Fiscal Year 2025-2026 State Annual Report
County commissions are required to report specific information to First 5 California including their fiscal revenues and expenditures and the population served. Counties report data annually and these data are aggregated to the State level. This compilation of county work helps to show impact and effectiveness across all First 5s throughout the state. In total this fiscal year, First 5 Orange County supported more than 35,500 young children and more than 35,000 parents/caregivers. Additionally, all commissions are asked to highlight one program and one evaluation report. We featured our Peer Support Specialist work, and the community-led evaluation we completed with our Engaged Neighborhoods (see Attachment 1).

Over the past year, First 5 California has worked with a subset of county commissions to update the information they ask for each year. The goal is to strengthen our collective messaging as First 5s seek to create greater systems impact, broaden partnerships with state agencies and managed care

plans, and leverage additional funding opportunities to improve outcomes for young children and families. We have been part of this annual report reimagining and will continue to support the state with reporting changes and rollout over the next year.

In addition to the specific information submitted to the state, we prepare our own summary annual report that highlights a broader range of programmatic accomplishments, the numbers of children and family members served, and the systems and family engagement efforts that are foundational to all our work. Staff are in process of developing this report using our updated messaging and branding and will share with the Board when it is complete and live on our website. We will also share it with our partners and include elements on social platforms.

Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR)
Due to circumstances outside of the control of Commission staff and auditors, we have submitted an extension to file the annual financial statements to both the California State Controller's Office and First 5 California. The extension request has been approved.

As a participant in the County of Orange Retiree Medical Plan, First 5 Orange County is required to comply with Government Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 75, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026. To fully comply with all requirements of the accounting standard, a detailed actuarial report of the County Plan must be completed by an actuary and audited by an independent auditing firm. The County Plan has provided the actuarial report and is in the process of having it audited.

First 5 Orange County's financial statements cannot be finalized in time to meet the filing deadline for the October meeting. The Comprehensive Annual Financial Report will be finalized and presented at the December First 5 Orange County Board meeting to meet the extended deadline of December 2, 2026.

STRATEGIC PLAN & FISCAL SUMMARY:
The reports and recommended actions presented in this report have been reviewed in relation to First 5 OC's Strategic Plan and are consistent with applicable goals. There is no funding action proposed for this item.

PRIOR COMMISSION ACTIONS:
- June 2026 – Conducted Public Hearing Receiving First 5 California 2024-2025 Annual Report and the California State Controller's Results of Audit Oversight of County Commission
- October 2025 – Conduct Public Hearing to Receive and Authorize Certification of the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Annual Report

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:
1. Conduct Public Hearing.
2. Authorize the Executive Director to execute required certifications (Attachment 1) to the First 5 California Commission and to incorporate revisions to the annual data and financial summary as needed to the Annual Program Report for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 prior to submittal.

ATTACHMENT:
1. First 5 Annual Program Report: July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026, Forms AR-1, AR-2, and AR-3

CONTACT: Michael Garcell and Lisa Burke

Annual Report AR-1

Orange Revenue and Expenditure Summary

July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026

Revenue Detail

Category	Amount
Tobacco Tax Funds	$16,076,986
IMPACT Legacy	$1,157,643
Small Population County Augmentation Funds	$0
Home Visiting Coordination Funds	$0
Other First 5 California Funds	$114,376
Other First 5 California Funds Description SMIF	
Other Public Funds	$6,478,210
Other Public Funds Description CalWORKS, Black Infant Health (BIH), Black Pearl, FFPSA	
Donations	$0
Revenue From Interest Earned	$2,283,631
Grants	$0
Grants Description	
Other Funds	$85,909
Other Funds	
Total Revenue	**$26,196,755**

Improved Family Support

Service	Grantee	Program(s)	Children	Caregivers	Providers	Amount
General Family Support	CBO/Non-Profit	• Not Applicable ()	460	300	22	$341,906
General Family Support	Research/Consulting Firm	• Not Applicable ()	305	517	80	$163,719
General Family Support	Other Public	• Not Applicable ()	41	39	10	$138,820
Intensive Family Support	CBO/Non-Profit	• Not Applicable ()	6	6	5	$87,400
					Total	**$731,845**

Improved Child Development

Service	Grantee	Program(s)	Children	Caregivers	Providers	Amount
Quality Early Learning and Care Supports	CBO/Non-Profit	• Not Applicable ()	104	1318	750	$503,974
Quality Early Learning and Care Supports	County Office of Education/School District	• Not Applicable ()	9337	12425	1461	$3,603,254
					Total	**$4,107,228**

Improved Child Health

Service	Grantee	Program(s)	Children	Caregivers	Providers	Unique Families	Amount
Early Intervention	CBO/Non-Profit	• Not Applicable ()	1191	2151	0	0	$99,921
Perinatal and Early Childhood Home Visiting	CBO/Non-Profit	• Not Applicable ()	934	917	20	934	$5,445,030
Perinatal and Early Childhood Home Visiting	Hospital/Health Plan	• Not Applicable ()	644	641	0	644	$537,262
Prenatal and Infant/Toddler Pediatric Support	CBO/Non-Profit	• Local Model	3288	4085	40	3288	$1,707,705
Prenatal and Infant/Toddler Pediatric Support	County Health & Human Services	• Local Model	202	159	0	202	$1,399,760
Prenatal and Infant/Toddler Pediatric Support	Higher Education	• Local Model	4682	4682	17	4682	$168,634
Prenatal and Infant/Toddler Pediatric Support	Hospital/Health Plan	• Local Model	14352	7798	67	14352	$810,467
						Total	**$10,168,779**

Improved Systems Of Care

Service	Grantee	Program(s)	Amount
Policy and Public Advocacy	CBO/Non-Profit	• Child Health	$155,510
Policy and Public Advocacy	Research/Consulting Firm	• Child Health	$162,129
Systems Building	Other Public	• Not Applicable ()	$382,796
Systems Building	CBO/Non-Profit	• Not Applicable ()	$524,402
Systems Building	Research/Consulting Firm	• Not Applicable ()	$2,131,575
Systems Building	First 5 County Commission	• Not Applicable ()	$2,273,718
		Total	**$5,630,130**

Expenditure Details

Category	Amount
Program Expenditures	$20,637,982
Administrative Expenditures	$1,414,246
Evaluation Expenditures	$752,026
Total Expenditures	$22,804,254
Excess (Deficiency) Of Revenues Over (Under) Expenses	$3,392,501

Other Financing Details

Category	Amount
Sale(s) of Capital Assets	$0
Other	$0
Total Other Financing Sources	**$0**

Net Change in Fund Balance

Category	Amount
Fund Balance - Beginning	$73,503,181
Fund Balance - Ending	$76,895,682
Net Change In Fund Balance	$3,392,501

Fiscal Year Fund Balance

Category	Amount
Nonspendable	$861,466
Restricted	$0
Committed	$10,157,172
Assigned	$32,538,708
Unassigned	$33,338,336
Total Fund Balance	$76,895,682

Expenditure Note

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Orange Demographic Worksheet

July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026

Population Served

Category	Number
Children Less than 3 Years Old	21,596
Children from 3rd to 6th Birthday	13,502
Children – Ages Unknown (birth to 6th Birthday)	448
Primary Caregivers	35,038
Providers	2,472
Total Population Served	**73,056**

Primary Language Spoken in Home

Category	Number of Children	Number of Primary Caregivers
English	20,955	19,441
Spanish	10,352	10,597
Cantonese	68	71
Korean	78	101
Mandarin	118	146
Vietnamese	1,914	890
Tagalog	24	50
Other - Specify with text box Arabic, Farsi, Tamil, Punjabi	1,499	2,185
Unknown	538	1,557
Totals	**35,546**	**35,038**

Race and/or Ethnicity of Population Served

Category	Number of Children	Number of Primary Caregivers
Alaska Native/American Indian	119	115
Asian	4,610	3,685
Hispanic/Latino	18,636	17,887
Middle Eastern or North African	368	456
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	110	140
Unknown	2,425	3,829
Non-Hispanic Black or African American	603	586
Non-Hispanic White	6,659	6,738
Other – Specify with text box Various	2,016	1,602
Totals	**35,546**	**35,038**

Duplication Assessment

Category	Data
Degree of Duplication	15%
Confidence in Data	Moderately confident
Additional Details (Optional)	Within each grant, we present unduplicated counts. We are less confident across all grants as it is possible that some individuals were served by more than one First 5 OC-funded program.

Annual Report AR-3

Orange County Evaluation Summary and Highlights

July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026

County Evaluation Summary

Evaluation Activities Completed, Findings, and Policy Impact

Program Overview and Objectives

First 5 Orange County's Engaged Neighborhoods initiative, active since 2014 across Anaheim, Garden Grove, La Habra, and Santa Ana, builds resident-led, cross-sector ecosystems that strengthen early learning, health, and family well-being. The target population is parents, caregivers, and families with young children in these four Orange County cities, with particular attention to underserved and historically underrepresented families. All Engaged Neighborhoods have programming with elements of parent leadership, parent education, and opportunities for social connections. Additionally, they connect families to essential resources and provide free child development opportunities such as early learning activities, workshops, and community events. Finally, they facilitate cross-sector partnerships within their communities, linking schools, cities, county agencies, and local community-based organizations and businesses, to align early childhood priorities with local policy and funding. The initiative incorporates Early Development Index (EDI) data to target kindergarten-readiness investments in specific neighborhoods. In 2025, First 5 Orange County partnered with evaluation consultant Fractal Strategies and a community Evaluation Task Force comprised of parents, caregivers, backbone organizations, and partner organizations, to conduct a participatory evaluation examining Engaged Neighborhood's reach, depth, and sustainability, combining qualitative community data with quantitative data, including EDI findings to assess kindergarten-readiness impact across sites.

Methodology and Evaluation Approach

Data were collected between spring and summer 2025 through organizational surveys, paired interviews with parents and caregivers in English and Spanish, and organizational partner interviews. To deepen and contextualize these findings, the evaluation triangulated these qualitative insights with grantee annual reports, empirical data on socio-ecological factors influencing early childhood development, and parent engagement indicators. Data included quantitative measures (EDI scores, participation counts, survey percentages) and qualitative data (interview and focus-group themes). Limitations: heightened U.S. ICE activity in several Orange County neighborhoods during data collection disrupted participation, prompting a shift to virtual engagement, smaller group dialogues, and phone interviews. This produced a smaller, though still rich, qualitative dataset.

Key Findings and Outcomes

Since 2021, Engaged Neighborhood backbone organizations have collectively engaged more than 2,000 parents, caregivers, and families; delivered more than 400 workshops and events; and trained 570 parent and caregiver leaders now serving on local boards and councils. Formal cross-sector partnerships grew from four to 15, sites leveraged more than $160,000 in public and private funding beyond First 5 OC, and two cities approved a resolution to become an "Early Childhood Friendly City." In Engaged Neighborhoods established before 2020, EDI-measured early-childhood

vulnerability declined 5 to10 percentage points. First 5 Orange County has recently renewed funding for Engaged Neighborhoods for the next three years, co-developing the scopes of work using the learnings from the evaluation. All Engaged Neighborhoods are employing Community Health Workers to support resource use and navigation, child development, and support their sustainability.

Equity and Access

Engaged Neighborhoods reached families through bilingual (English/Spanish) programming, trusted-messenger outreach, and free, culturally familiar activities; about 60% of parents and caregivers joined through personal invitation or referral, and 78% described their Engaged Neighborhood as welcoming and family-oriented. Despite this reach, men and several linguistic/cultural groups (e.g., Mixteco, Zapoteco; Middle Eastern, South Asian, and other AAPI communities) remain underrepresented, largely due to scheduling barriers and limited awareness. In addition, 63% of parents and caregivers said trust in how data would be used directly affected their willingness to participate. First 5 Orange County and Engaged Neighborhood strategies to address these gaps include flexible, non-traditional-workday scheduling, alternative outreach channels (WhatsApp, text), dialect-specific translation, and participatory data methods like photovoice and story circles.

Lessons Learned and Recommendations

Key learnings: sustainable systems change begins with relationships and grows through shared leadership and investment. Engaged Neighborhoods have demonstrated that when parents and caregivers are centered as experts and partners, systems evolve toward equity and lasting impact. Continued alignment between policy, funding, and family voice will be essential to sustain progress. This evaluation recommended that future efforts should strengthen backbone support, expand engagement among underrepresented groups, and secure long-term cross-sector investment to keep early childhood at the center of community well-being. Additionally, for the backbone agencies to be successful, they need clearly defined roles and continued shared accountability.

County Highlights

Purpose and Activities

Launched in November 2025, the Perinatal Peer Support Specialist pilot program serves pregnant women and parents affected by substance use disorder (SUD). The program is funded through a Family First Prevention Services Act (FFPSA) Block Grant awarded by OC Social Services Agency (SSA), reflecting policy shifts including Proposition 1's expansion of behavioral health funding to include SUD and the statewide expansion of Family Wellness Plans. Three part-time Peer Support Specialists, all with lived experience, operate a warmline for referrals and support families in developing or adding to their Family Wellness Plan, identifying protective factors and recovery supports. Leveraging First 5 Orange County's existing funded network of hospital-based coordinators, Peers connect with families at the point of birth, reflecting a shift from a reporting posture with SSA to one of support.

Key Achievements and Outcomes

Since launching in November 2025, First 5 Orange County's Peer Support Specialist program has grown from 8 individuals served in 2025 to 51 individuals served by June 2026. On average, families receive their first contact within 1.4 days of referral, often within 24 hours and remain engaged with a Peer for approximately 84 days. The strongest referral pathway has been First 5 Orange County's network of hospital-based coordinators, which accounts for 52% of referrals, demonstrating the value of embedding peer support within existing birthing-hospital infrastructure. Program staff also report a significant decrease in reports to SSA/child welfare among engaged families, suggesting a meaningful shift toward supportive services and voluntary engagement rather than reporting. First 5 Orange County is continuing to refine data collection to better define program milestones, including what constitutes successful program completion, as the program matures.

Community Engagement, Partnerships and Equity-Focused Efforts

Families served by this program are perinatal individuals with SUD who are typically connected to multiple public systems: most are Medi-Cal eligible, a large share are unhoused, and many carry a dual diagnosis of behavioral health needs alongside SUD. This complexity often leaves families navigating fragmented systems with differing eligibility rules and referral processes. Peer Support Specialists, who bring lived experience with SUD, recovery, and child removal/reunification serve as the connective thread across these systems, helping families access housing navigation, behavioral health, and health care resources while building trust that clinical staff alone may not establish. The program also reflects a broader cross-sector collaboration: the OC Health Care Agency, OC Social Services Agency, and managed care plans meet regularly to identify systemic gaps and expand coordinated housing and recovery pathways for underserved perinatal families.

Qualitative Impact

One Peer Support Specialist accompanied a mother through family court as she worked toward reunification with her children. The presiding judge was reportedly so impressed with the support she received that they expressed interest in connecting other families in similar circumstances with a Peer Support Specialist. Program staff note that most participants need consistent peer support for about three months, but stable housing remains their most persistent unmet need.

Looking Forward

Building on early results, First 5 Orange County anticipates additional funding to expand the Peer Support Specialist program, which currently has a waitlist as demand outpaces capacity. System partners are increasingly recognizing the value of this work. In the year ahead, First 5 Orange County will focus on strengthening data collection to better define program milestones and long-term outcomes, continuing to untangle and streamline housing navigation and support for families in recovery, and working with system partners through the Technical Advisory Committee to build a coordinated, accountable framework of housing and recovery pathways. First 5 Orange County remains committed to scaling this work as a model for cross-sector, equity-focused perinatal SUD support.

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Agenda Item 5
October 7, 2026

DATE: August 17, 2026

TO: First 5 Orange County

FROM: Kimberly Goll, President/CEO

ACTION: Receive Update on First 5 Orange County's Messaging and Brand

SUMMARY:
This year, First 5 Orange County began a comprehensive effort to strengthen how we communicate our purpose, our impact, and our value to the community. This agenda item summarizes a refreshed approach to our messaging and a clear, updated visual brand that clarifies who we are, what we stand for, and why our work matters.

DISCUSSION:
In March 2026, we hired a Senior Manager of Communications, allowing us to bring many elements of our communications efforts in-house and reduce our dependence on external agencies. Bringing this work internal provides greater consistency in our messaging across all communications platforms and more timely, effective and responsive social media outreach and engagement. It also strengthens collaboration with program teams, partners, and consultants, and grows long-term capacity by building institutional knowledge, processes, and tools. Keeping communications closely connected to organizational priorities and leadership direction will ensure greater strategic alignment.

This year we are focused on strengthening the foundational elements of our brand and messaging. We began by defining three primary audience groups: parents, government partners and legislators, and resource partners. With these audiences established, we developed a messaging framework grounded in our core belief that the future of Orange County begins with its youngest children. Using this framework results in a purpose-driven narrative tailored to each audience and better positioned to strengthen connection and understanding among those who influence outcomes for children and families.

We also developed an updated brand identity: a clear and consistent visual style that makes our organization easier to recognize and ensures our materials look and feel consistent wherever people encounter them. Together, the framework and brand identity form a new messaging architecture built around four interconnected components:

- **Our Core Belief:** The future of Orange County begins with its youngest children.
- **Our Primary Message:** Every child deserves a strong start to life.
- **Our Value Propositions:** The first five years shape a lifetime; strong children build strong communities; every child is a new beginning.
- **Narrative:** A subset of key messages built around our purpose, used for panels, speaking engagements, press, and advocacy.

This messaging will be applied across social media, e-newsletters, editorial and blog content, collateral and outreach materials, and speaking engagements and presentations, ensuring every audience receives consistent, purpose-driven messaging that reinforces trust and credibility.

With the messaging architecture in place to guide us, in August we released a Request for Proposals for a web design firm to redesign our website. More than 100 firms responded. Over the next few weeks, we will review the proposals for overall understanding of our needs, relevant experience, technical capabilities, project management, and general fit. Based on that review, we anticipate entering into an agreement with the selected firm, not to exceed $50,000 and within the CEO's agreement authority. We anticipate the website redesign to be completed by April 2027.

Over the next year, we will test our messaging to make sure it resonates with parents and our partners, incorporate it into our broader communications strategy, and conduct internal staff training so it is used consistently across the organization. We will return to the Board with updates as this work progresses.

STRATEGIC PLAN & FISCAL SUMMARY:
The recommended action presented in this staff report has been reviewed in relation to the Strategic Plan and is consistent with its goals. Funds for website design are included in the FY 2026-2027 budget.

PRIOR COMMISSION ACTIONS:
- July 2025 – Received Update on First 5 Orange County Messaging
- February 2025 – Received Update on First 5 Orange County Reputation Audit

RECOMMENDED ACTION:
Receive update on First 5 Orange County's messaging and brand.

ATTACHMENT:
1. Presentation

CONTACT: Hannah Rosen

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Building Our Brand



2026 - 2027: Building a Strong Foundation

Define Our Messaging

- Establish a clear and applicable messaging that defines who we are, what we stand for, and how we communicate our value.
- Identifying our key audiences to ensure our messaging is relevant.

Refresh Brand Identity

- Refresh our brand identity so all communications reflect a modern, cohesive visual system.

Modernize Our Marketing Strategies

- Build a more effective marketing strategy to deliver consistent and engaging content across audiences and marketing platforms.

Redesign Our Website

- Redesign our website to improve usability, strengthen storytelling, and better support engagement and conversion.

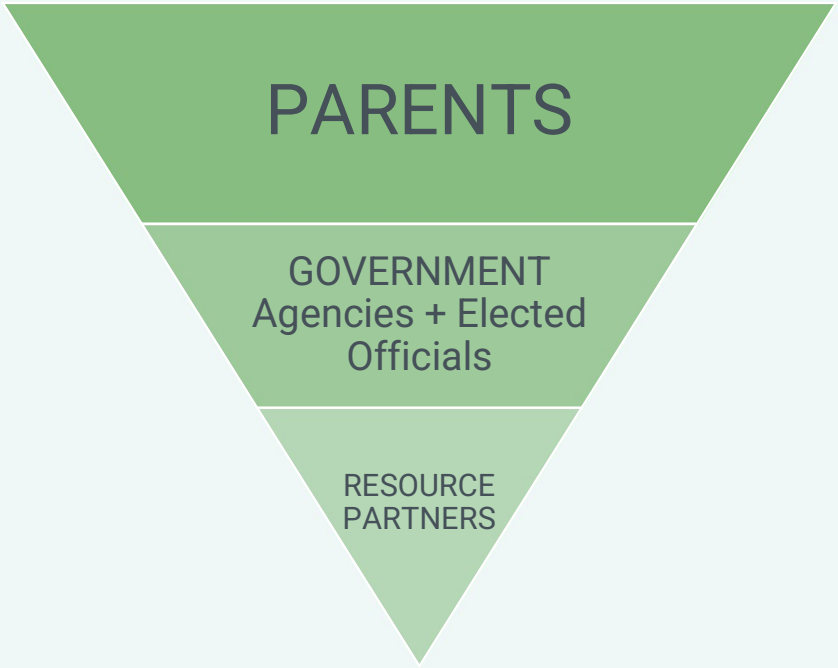
Defining First 5 Orange County's Audiences for Marketing

The Importance of Audience Definition

- Understanding our audiences ensures our messaging is relevant and aligned with community needs.
- Clear audience definition drives our content strategy - how we show up, our tone and messaging, and visual guidelines.
- Centering our primary audience helps build long-term trust and support among those who influence outcomes for children and families.

Our Audiences

- Primary: Parents
- Secondary: Government / Legislators
- Tertiary: Resource Partners



"If a parent can understand what we do, everyone can understand what we do"

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MESSAGING:

Our messaging should be anchored in our purpose.



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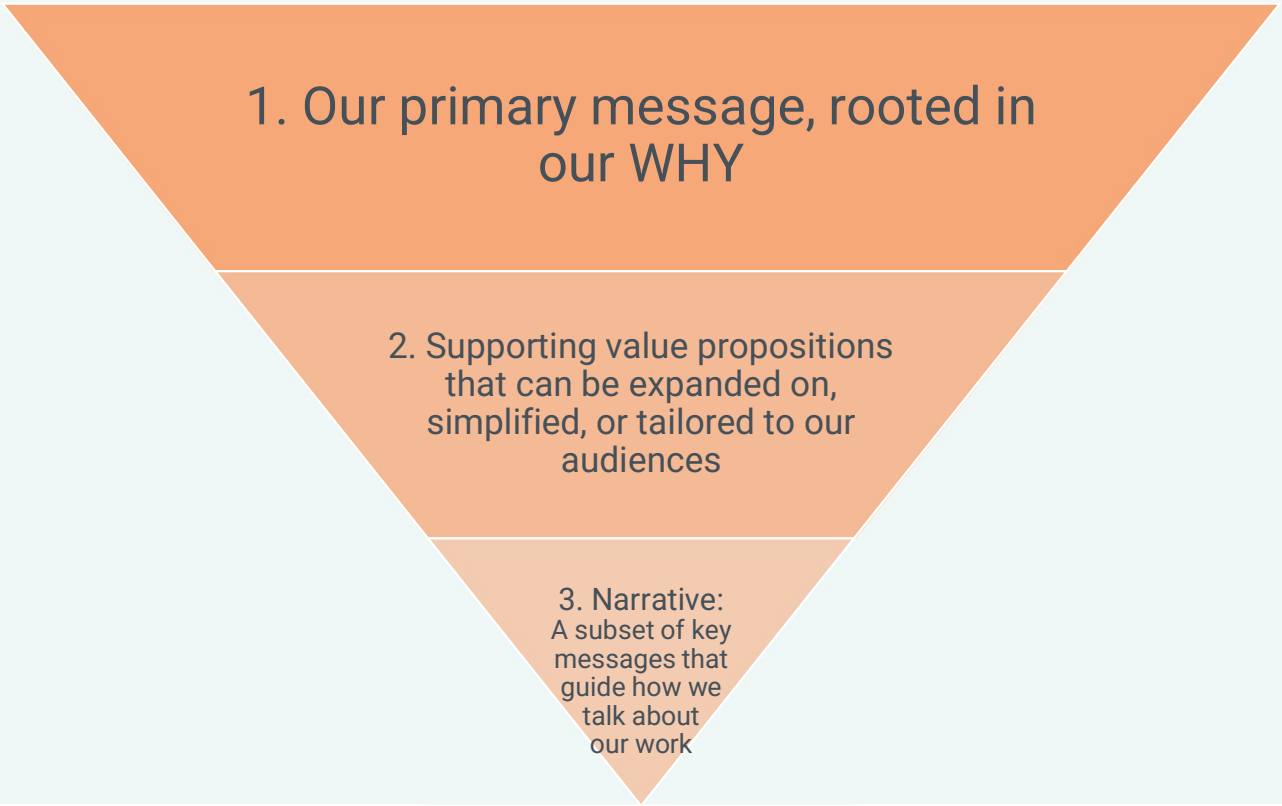
Centering Our Purpose

Our current messaging centers heavily on **WHAT** we do (programs, processes, services), not **WHY** we do it.

- Our refreshed messaging framework brings forward our core belief: **The future of Orange County begins with its youngest children.**

- Leading with our WHY builds trust, emotional connection, and long-term support among parents, legislators, and partners.

Brand Messaging Architecture



FIRST 5 ORANGE COUNTY

Our Key Messages

Primary Message:
Every child deserves a strong start to life.

Three Value Propositions:
The first five years shape a lifetime.
Strong children build strong communities.
Every child is a new beginning.

Narrative:
When our youngest children thrive, Orange County thrives.
Every child deserves the strongest possible start in life because the future of our community begins with them.



OUR KEY MESSAGES

Every child deserves a **strong start** to life.

The **first five years** shape a lifetime.

Strong **children** build strong **communities.**

Every child is a **new beginning.**

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Thank You!



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Agenda Item 6
October 7, 2026

DATE: September 29, 2026

TO: First 5 Orange County

FROM: Kimberly Goll, President/CEO

ACTION: Receive the President/Chief Executive Officer's Report

Community Outreach Update
On September 8th, we welcomed Jose Rios as our new Community Outreach and Partnerships Manager. Jose is a veteran with multiple deployments and holds a B.A. in Psychology from USC and a Master's in Education from Harvard. His background includes leading partnership building operations, supporting student engagement at Santiago Canyon College, and most recently assisting veterans with housing, education, and health services at U.S. VETS Orange County. Bilingual in English and Spanish, Jose brings strong community insight and a deep commitment to service.

Over the past two months, First 5 OC participated in a total of five community events, engaging over 1,300 attendees across Orange County. These events, described below, ranged from large scale community celebrations to focused partner collaborations, all aimed at connecting families with early childhood resources and support.

In September, we attended a breastfeeding event with the Health Care Agency (HCA), bringing together 176 attendees for an afternoon focused on maternal and infant health resources. The event gave families direct access to lactation support, education, and connections to local services that support healthy early childhood development.

We also co-hosted the Southern California HealthySteps Summit, drawing more than 110 attendees. The Summit brought together HealthySteps partners and providers from across Southern California to share best practices, discuss developmental screening strategies, and strengthen the regional network supporting early childhood health integration in pediatric care settings.

In September, we also attended the 5th Annual Family Resources Fair in San Juan Capistrano, serving 35 families. Now in its fifth year, the Fair has become a trusted community touchpoint, connecting local families with early learning resources, health screenings, and school readiness support in a welcoming, accessible setting.

We attended Dinosaur Train Day at the Children's Museum at La Habra, one of our largest community events of the year with 1,000+ attendees. The event combined hands on, dinosaur themed learning activities with opportunities for us to connect with a high volume of families and share information on Kid Builders, early childhood milestones and available resources.

We also continued our Kid Builder Story Time series at the Garden Grove Library, which has seen a great turnout of 70 families.

Upcoming Community Events:

- **Melinda Hoag Health Fair**
  Saturday, October 10, 2026 | 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM
  307 Placentia Ave., Newport Beach, CA 92663

- **Brilliance Without Barriers Event with OCDE**
  Tuesday, October 13, 2026 | 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM
  Vanguard University, Waugh Student Center, 55 Fair Dr, Costa Mesa, CA 92626

Financial Update
Attachment 1 provides the monthly statements summarizing the high-level investment activities for the three-month period of April 1 through June 30, 2026. The primary objective is to invest First 5 Orange County's funds to provide safety of principal and liquidity, while providing a reasonable return on investments. Currently, 100 percent of First 5 OC's funds are invested in the Orange County Investment Pool and are managed under the Orange County Investment Policy. All funds will remain in the County Pool unless specific First 5 OC action directs funds to other investments.

State and Federal Policy Update
The California Legislature wrapped up its 2026 session on August 31st, and Governor Newsom has until September 30th to sign or veto the bills on his desk. The 2026-27 state budget adds about 22,700 new child care slots with priority for infants and toddlers, keeps full funding for Universal Transitional Kindergarten, and moves the state's child care market rate survey from every two years to every three years. On policy bills, the Governor has signed AB 2429 (Rubio), which supports mental health consultation in child care settings. SB 954 (Blakespear), which would streamline environmental review for child care facilities, is still waiting on his decision. SB 1110 (Becker), the rate reform bill, was held in committee and will likely come back next session. In Attachment 2 you will find the bill tracker from our First 5 Association.

At the federal level, First 5 Orange County submitted a public comment on September 24th opposing the US Department of Health and Human Service's (HHS) proposed Head Start rule, "Reducing Federal Burden for Head Start Programs," and urging HHS to withdraw it. Together, Orange County Head Start and Rancho Santiago Community College District's Early Head Start program serve more than 1,100 local children and families and bring in more than $50.7 million in federal funding each year. Our letter focused on four concerns. First, cutting the administrative cost cap from 15 to five percent would take away more than $5 million a year in local program capacity. Second, removing developmental screening timelines would weaken early identification of delays. Third, an English-only instruction mandate would hurt dual language learners. Fourth, weakening federal quality standards would undercut the foundation that Quality Start OC and our broader early learning system are built on. The public comment period closed on October 6th, and staff will continue to track the final rule and any action on the pending state bills and report back to the Board.

Strategic Plan Progress Report
The Strategic Plan Progress Report (Attachment 3) highlights work completed for each of the 10 Action Plans included in our recently updated Strategic Plan. Depending on data reporting available, information is included for July and August and may include some of September. You

will note that the report is streamlined compared to previous Strategic Plan reports, including a brief narrative and tracking metrics identified through the strategic planning process.

Attachments:
1. Financial Statements for April – June 2026
2. First 5 Association Bill Tracker
3. Strategic Plan Progress Report

First Five Orange County
Treasurer's Quarterly Report of the Commission's Cash Balances
April 1, 2026 through June 30, 2026

OVERVIEW

Pursuant to Government Code Section (GCS) 53646 (b), the Commission's Treasurer (Treasurer) submits this Quarterly Report to the Commission. The Treasurer's Statement of Investment Policy and delegation to the Treasurer for investment authority expired on June 30, 2025. The Commission, as of July 1, 2025, serves as the fiduciary authorized to make investment decisions on behalf of First 5 Orange County. The permitted investments for compliance purposes are outlined in California Government Code section 53601 and allow investing in county pools by local agencies pursuant to GCS 53684. On April 1, the Commission received and filed the County of Orange, California Investment Policy (IP). On the same date, the Commission also approved investments for non-Proposition 10 Funds to be invested outside of the County Treasury. The Commission has a County Services Agreement dated September 26, 2000 with the County of Orange CEO to provide various services, including treasury and investing services.

COMMISSION'S CASH BALANCES

This report summarizes the Commission's cash balances in the records of the County Treasury for the three-month period from April 1 through June 30, 2026. State law defines that the primary objective of a trustee shall be to safeguard the principal of the funds under its control. The secondary objective shall be to meet the liquidity needs of the depositor. The third objective shall be to achieve a return on the funds under its control. Currently, 100% of the Commission's operating funds are invested in the Orange County Treasury Pool (OCTP) and totaled $80,653,572.36 at June 30, 2026. The primary investment objectives of the OCTP are in order of priority, safety, liquidity and yield. On February 25, 2025, the Board of Supervisors rescinded the Board resolution that activated GCS 53684 that allowed external pool participants to invest surplus funds, such as the Commission in the OCTP effective June 30, 2025. The June 2026 report of the Statement of Assets in the County Treasury is not yet available and when issued can be viewed at octreasurer.gov/publicfunds.

COMMISSION'S CASH AND SELECTED OCTP PERFORMANCE SUMMARY – QUARTERLY

The following table presents an overview of the Commission's cash invested in the OCTP for the months of April, May, and June 2026. The net year-to-date yield for FY 2025-2026 is 3.991%, higher than the current forecast of 3.475%. The OCTP has a Net Asset Value of 0.9968 and there is sufficient liquidity to meet the forecasted expenditures for the next six months for the pool participants based on the current cash forecast. Reports directed by the IP on the OCTP can be found in the Orange County Investment Fund online at ceo.ocgov.com/finance-office. Reports containing specific details defined in law at GCS 53646 (b) for OCTP are provided by the County Treasurer and can be found at octreasurer.gov/publicfunds.

Month Ended	Commission's Month End Balance	Commission's Monthly Gross Yield	OCTP Interest Receivable[(1)]	OCTP Market Value	OCTP Book Value	OCTP Weighted Average Maturity (Days)	OCTP Net Asset Value	OCTP Duration
April	$ 80,129,414	4.009%	$ 120,459,592	$ 17,352,465,912	$ 17,362,651,240	662	0.9994	1.37
May	$ 79,550,183	3.912%	$ 114,028,951	$ 16,448,876,509	$ 16,477,183,835	684	0.9983	1.53
June	$ 80,653,572	4.007%	$ 114,160,280	$ 15,578,326,379	$ 15,628,406,081	709	0.9968	1.61

(1) Interest Receivable has been broken out separately from OCTP Market Value.

ECONOMIC UPDATE

The U.S. economy showed mixed but generally resilient economic conditions during the second quarter of 2026, with employment strengthening while inflation edged higher.

- Employment increased by an average of 111,000 per month, higher than the previous quarter's average of 73,000 (revised) per month.
- The annual inflation rate was 3.5% for the 12 months ending in June, up from 3.3% at the end of the previous quarter.

- The Federal Open Market Committee kept interest rates at the federal funds target range at 3.50% - 3.75% during the quarter.
- The unemployment rate was 4.2% (Bloomberg survey: 4.3%) at the end of the quarter, which decreased by 0.1% from the end of the previous quarter.
- The Empire State Manufacturing Index improved to 5.7 (Bloomberg survey: 13.7) from -0.2 in the previous quarter, while the Philadelphia Fed Index worsened to 10.3 (Bloomberg survey: 10.0) from 18.1 at the end of the previous quarter. The Federal Reserve uses these indexes as regional indicators of manufacturing activity, with positive readings signaling economic expansion.
- The Treasury yield curve continued to normalize during the second quarter.
- The 90-day Treasury Bill yield increased to 3.87% from 3.70%. The two-year Treasury Note yield increased to 4.14% from 3.79%, while the 10-year Treasury Bond yield increased to 4.44% from 4.30%.

FIRST FIVE COMPLIANCE AND COUNTY TREASURY AUDIT AND REVIEW REPORTS

CGS 53646 (b)(2) requires the Treasurer report compliance to a statement of investment policy. As the Commission currently does not have an IPS, no compliance is being reported. The County Treasurer's Assets in the County Treasury (that includes the OCTP funds) are audited annually by the County Auditor-Controller Internal Audit Division (AC-IAD) along with quarterly reviews pursuant to State law. As mandated by State law GCS 27134, the Treasury Oversight Committee defined in GCS 27130 (Board dissolved in 2025) requires an annual compliance audit of Treasurer's compliance with the Investment Policy Statement and the TOC directed that quarterly compliance monitoring be completed to the Investment Policy Statement rendered by the Treasurer pursuant to 53646(a)(1). The AC-IAD and external auditor issued three reports during the quarter ended June 30, 2026 (or prior to this report date), as follow:

Orange County Treasury Oversight Committee Compliance Audit for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024 - (Attachment B).
On July 10, 2026, Brown Armstrong issued their Independent Auditor's Report on Compliance with California GCS 27130-27137 for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024 with no compliance exceptions.

Review of Treasurer's Schedule of Assets (SOA) as of March 31, 2025 – (Attachment C).
On April 2, 2026, the AC issued the quarterly Review of the Treasurer's SOA in the County Treasury as of March 31, 2025, with no material modification required. This review is mandated by GCS 26920.

Review of Treasurer's Schedule of Assets (SOA) as of September 30, 2025 – (Attachment D).
On July 7, 2026, the AC issued the quarterly Review of the Treasurer's SOA in the County Treasury as of September 30, 2025, with no material modification required. This review is mandated by GCS 26920.

In last month's report, the Treasurer reported two compliance exceptions that occurred on March 27, 2026, related to a failed security trade. It has been identified that there were two failed security trades and as noted last month, the exceptions were cured on the following business day. These are still under review and the related banking and trade settlement policies and procedures are being updated to prevent future occurrences. Once the review is completed, this information will be included in a future report. As the last meeting, the Investment Oversight Committee also requested an independent review of the one compliance incident reported at their last meeting.

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITY

We have attached the Statement of Activity for the Commission's cash balances for the months of April, May, and June 2026 (Attachment A). These statements report the beginning and ending balances of the Commission's cash funds.

Attachment:

A. Statement of Activity for the months of April, May, and June 2026
B. Orange County Treasury Oversight Committee Compliance Audit for the FY Ended June 30, 2024.
C. Review of Treasurer's Schedule of Assets as of March 31, 2025
D. Review of Treasurer's Schedule of Assets as of September 30, 2025

Attachment A

COUNTY OF ORANGE

OFFICE OF THE TREASURER-TAX COLLECTOR

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April 30, 2026

FIRST 5 ORANGE COUNTY

Fund Number : 225

APRIL 2026 STATEMENT

Transactions

Transaction Date	Transaction Description		Amount
04/01/2026	March 2026 Investment Admin Fee	$	(1,638.24)
04/09/2026	December 2025 Interest Paid	$	259,680.24

Summary

Total Deposit:	$	4,751,613.81	Beginning Balance:	$	76,891,331.28
Total Withdrawal:	$	(1,513,530.91)	Ending Balance:	$	80,129,414.18

Attachment A

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May 31, 2026

FIRST 5 ORANGE COUNTY

Fund Number : 225

MAY 2026 STATEMENT

Transactions

Transaction Date	Transaction Description		Amount
05/01/2026	April 2026 Investment Admin Fee	$	(974.05)
05/08/2026	January 2026 Interest Paid	$	256,799.87

Summary

Total Deposit:	$	2,418,066.59	Beginning Balance:	$	80,129,414.18
Total Withdrawal:	$	(2,997,297.85)	Ending Balance:	$	79,550,182.92

Attachment A

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June 30, 2026

FIRST 5 ORANGE COUNTY

Fund Number : 225

JUNE 2026 STATEMENT

Transactions

Transaction Date	Transaction Description		Amount
06/01/2026	May 2026 Investment Admin Fee	$	(1,024.01)
06/05/2026	February 2026 Interest Paid	$	241,841.90
06/22/2026	March 2026 Interest Paid	$	257,686.98

Summary

Total Deposit:	$	3,103,538.95	Beginning Balance:	$	79,550,182.92
Total Withdrawal:	$	(2,000,149.51)	Ending Balance:	$	80,653,572.36

ORANGE COUNTY

TREASURY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
COMPLIANCE AUDIT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED
JUNE 30, 2024

ORANGE COUNTY
TREASURY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
COMPLIANCE AUDIT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE WITH CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE SECTIONS 27130-27137

The Board of Supervisors
of Orange County
Orange County, California

Report on the Treasurer's Compliance with the California Government Code

Opinion

We have audited the Treasurer-Tax Collector's (the Treasurer) compliance with the Treasury Oversight Committee (the TOC) provisions contained in Sections 27130-27137 of the California Government Code (Government Code) that could have a direct and material effect on the Orange County (the County) Treasury for the year ended June 30, 2024. Compliance with the requirements referred to above is the responsibility of the Treasurer. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Treasurer's compliance based on our audit.

In our opinion, the Treasurer complied, in all material respects, with the provisions contained in Sections 27130-27137 of the Government Code referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on the County Treasury for the year ended June 30, 2024.

Basis for Opinion on Compliance

We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and the Government Code. Our responsibilities under those standards and the Government Code are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section of our report.

We are required to be independent of the County and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion on the Treasurer's compliance with provisions contained in Sections 27130-27137 of the Government Code. Our audit does not provide a legal determination of the Treasurer's compliance with those requirements referred to above.

Responsibilities of Management for Compliance

Treasurer management is responsible for compliance with the requirements referred to above and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of effective internal control over compliance with the requirements of laws, statutes, regulations, rules, and provisions of contracts or agreements applicable to the County Treasury.

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Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether material noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above occurred, whether due to fraud or error, and express an opinion on the Treasurer's compliance based on our audit. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the Government Code will always detect material noncompliance when it exists. The risk of not detecting material noncompliance resulting from fraud is higher than for that resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above is considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, it would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user of the report on compliance about the Treasurer's compliance with the requirements of Sections 27130-27137 of the Government Code as a whole.

In performing an audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the Government Code, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material noncompliance, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the Treasurer's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.
- Obtain an understanding of the Treasurer's internal control over compliance relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with Sections 27130-27137 of the Government Code, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Treasurer's internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and any significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in internal control over compliance that we identified during the audit.

Report on Internal Control over Compliance

A *deficiency in internal control over compliance* exists when the design or operation of a control over compliance does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement on a timely basis. A *material weakness in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance, such that there is a reasonable possibility that material noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance with a type of compliance requirement that is less severe than a material weakness in internal control over compliance, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section above and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance may exist that were not identified.

Our audit was not designed for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

The purpose of this report on internal control over compliance is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over compliance and the results of that testing based on the requirements of Sections 27130-27137 of the Government Code. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

BROWN ARMSTRONG
ACCOUNTANCY CORPORATION

Brown Armstrong
Accountancy Corporation

Bakersfield, California
July 10, 2026

ORANGE COUNTY
TREASURY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
COMPLIANCE AUDIT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

Committee Members

Member	Organization Appointed From
Francine Scinto, Chair	Public Member
David Carlson, Vice Chair	Public Member
Alisa Backstrom	Public Member
Salah Kureh	Public Member
Frank Kim	County Executive Officer
Al Mijares	County Superintendent of Schools
Andrew Hamilton	Orange County Auditor-Controller

ORANGE COUNTY
TREASURY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
COMPLIANCE AUDIT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

Background and General

In 1995, the California State Legislature (the Legislature) passed legislation effective January 1, 1996, requiring a county board of supervisors (the board) to establish a treasury oversight committee (the TOC) pursuant to California Government Code (the CGC) Article 6. County Treasury Oversight Committee Sections 27130-27137. The board, in consultation with the county treasurer (the treasurer), shall determine the exact size (3 to 11 members) and categories of membership. Members are nominated by the treasurer and confirmed by the board, and members must meet a variety of restrictions. Membership categories are the treasurer, county auditor-controller, a representative of the board, a representative of the school and community college districts, a representative from special districts required or authorized to deposit funds, and up to five public members. The TOC is subject to the Ralph M. Brown Act. The purpose of this TOC was to promote the public interest by involving depositors in the management of their funds and by enhancing the security and investment return on their funds by providing a more stable and predictable balance for investment by establishing criteria for the withdrawal of funds. When a county establishes a TOC, the treasurer was required to annually prepare a statement of investment policy (the IPS) as defined in CGC Section 53646 (a)(1) that will be reviewed and monitored by the TOC, and it must include specific criteria in the IPS. The TOC was not allowed to direct individual investment decisions; select individual investment advisors, brokers, or dealers; or impinge on the day-to-day operations of the county treasury.

Effective September 29, 2004, the Legislature made CGC Section 27131 optional, making the establishment of a TOC optional. In recognition of the state and local interests served by this action, the Legislature encourages the county to continue taking the formerly mandated action.

Additionally, the Legislature made CGC Section 53646 (a)(1) optional providing that the treasurer may render an IPS to the board and any oversight committee, which the board shall review and approve at a public meeting and any change in the policy shall be reviewed and approved by the board at a public meeting. CGC Section 53646(b)(1) was also made optional and the treasurer may render a quarterly report to the chief executive officer, the internal auditor, and the board. The Legislature encourages the county to continue taking the formerly mandated actions.

Compliance Audit Requirement

CGC Section 27134 requires the TOC to cause an annual audit of compliance to determine the treasurer's compliance with CGC Article 6 and may include issues relating to the structure of the investment portfolio and risk. This audit serves to comply with that requirement.

Committee Formation and Operation

In 1995, the Orange County (the County) Board of Supervisors (the Board) approved Resolution 95-946, pursuant to CGC Section 27130, which established the TOC; appointed members; and established terms, membership requirements, organization, powers, and duties. As part of our audit, we reviewed the applicable Board resolutions, TOC bylaws, meeting minutes, and annual certificates of compliance executed by committee members noting no exceptions.

Four meetings were held during the fiscal year. We reviewed the minutes and believe they were properly conducted in order to provide oversight.

Investment Policy Statement

CGC Section 27133 requires the County Treasurer (the Treasurer) to annually prepare an IPS to be reviewed and monitored by the TOC, even if there were no policy changes. There is no requirement that the IPS be presented to the Board in this section. The IPS was reviewed by the TOC and submitted to the Board for approval. We noted that this was properly done, and an IPS updated as of December 19, 2023, was on hand, and was used for purposes of this audit. We noted that the TOC minutes included quarterly IPS compliance reports to the TOC from the Treasurer.

Subsequent Events

On December 17, 2024, as allowed by CGC Section 53646(a)(1), the Treasurer rendered a proposed Treasurer's IPS at a public meeting. The Board deleted the agenda item on December 17, 2024. The Treasurer's IPS expired on December 31, 2024, and effective January 1, 2025, the Board retained the authority to make investment decisions. The County Counsel submitted a County of Orange California Investment Policy that the Board approved at a public meeting on February 11, 2025. The Board rescinded Resolution No. 95-946 dissolving the TOC on March 11, 2025, inactivating CGC Section 27130 et seq. On March 11, 2025, the Board passed a Resolution establishing an Investment Oversight Committee (IOC) that differed from requirements defined in CGC Section Article 6. County Treasury Oversight Committee. The IOC was to assist the Board in fulfilling its responsibilities with respect to independent review and oversight of the County's treasury and investment activities. The membership of the IOC is comprised of the members of the Audit Oversight Committee, who are: the Board Chair, the Board Vice Chair, the Chief Executive Officer (CEO), and five public members each appointed by a Board member. The Board also added the County Superintendent of Schools, or his or her designee, as a member.

Investment Policy Review

	Requirement	Policy Section	Deemed Compliant
a)	Authorized securities	6	Yes
	Maximum percentage by type	8	Yes
b)	Maximum terms	8	Yes
c)	Criteria for selection of brokers	11	Yes
	Prohibition of political contribution	11	Yes
d)	Limits on gifts	10	Yes
e)	Reporting to Committee	21	Yes
f)	Calculation of Treasurer's costs (CGC Section 27013)	16	Yes
g)	Voluntary depositors	17	Yes
h)	Requests for withdrawal	18	Yes

As shown above, we believe the policy adopted contained all the provisions specified in the oversight legislation.

Compliance with Policy

We reviewed the Treasurer's actual practices during fiscal year 2023-2024 to determine compliance with the IPS. We verified the maximum percentages by category of investment. All categories of investment were within the maximum allowed percentages at year-end. We also verified that maximums for single issuers and maximum term limits specified in the policy were not exceeded. There were no exceptions noted.

We also reviewed the annual broker/dealer review process, a sample of voluntary participant withdrawal requests, and annual Form 700 filings for designated officials and TOC members. No exceptions were noted in those procedures, with the exception of one missing filing for a TOC member. The member is deceased and is therefore unable to execute the required filing. This matter does not impact our opinion on compliance with CGC Sections 27130-27137.

Reporting

We reviewed the monthly reports, which were submitted by the Treasurer to the Board and to the TOC, to verify that they contained the information specified in the law. They appeared to be complete with all the required information. In addition, we believe the graphs and additional information in the Treasurer's report beyond what is required assists the user's understanding of the investments in the County Treasury.

Interest Apportionments

Our procedure with respect to interest apportionment was to obtain the IPS for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, and verify that it contains each of the elements required by CGC Sections 27133(a)–(h), including item (f), the manner of calculating and apportioning the costs authorized by CGC Section 27013 (IPS Section 16). IPS Section 16 describes the methodology for allocating interest earnings to pool participants based on their average daily balances on at least a quarterly basis, and for deducting the Treasurer's investment administrative costs. No exceptions were noted. Our procedures did not include testing of individual fee or interest postings to participant accounts, and our audit does not provide a legal determination of the Treasurer's compliance with Section 27013.

Conclusion

The investments at June 30, 2024, appear to be in compliance with the Treasurer's IPS and state law with one exception; we noted one Form 700 not being filed. We believe the TOC functioned during fiscal year 2023-2024 as was intended by the oversight legislation. It is our opinion that oversight was properly provided.

Andrew N. Hamilton, CPA
Orange County Auditor-Controller



Internal Audit

Review of the Treasurer's Schedule of Assets as of March 31, 2025

Audit Manager: Rodrigo Martinez
Auditor II: Stephanie Tapia

Audit Number 2409
Report Date: April 2, 2026

OFFICE OF THE
ORANGE COUNTY AUDITOR-CONTROLLER

ANDREW N. HAMILTON, CPA
AUDITOR-CONTROLLER

DATE: April 2, 2026

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors

FROM: Rodrigo Martinez, Audit Manager

SUBJECT: Review of the Treasurer's Schedule of Assets as of March 31, 2025

Pursuant to GOV Section 26920(a), we have reviewed the Treasurer's Schedule of Assets (Schedule) as of March 31, 2025, and the related notes to the Schedule. We use the term schedule instead of statement because the Schedule only presents the assets in the County Treasury; it does not present the financial position of the County Treasury. A statement fairly presents financial position in conformity with GAAP (e.g., a statement of net position), and a schedule presents data on legally prescribed basis different from GAAP (e.g., GOV Section 26920). Our report is attached for your review.

We appreciate the assistance extended to us by the personnel of the Treasurer-Tax Collector during this engagement. If you have any questions, please contact me at 714-834-6106.

Other recipients of this report:
- Members, Audit Oversight Committee
- Shari L. Freidenrich, Treasurer-Tax Collector
- Jun Intal, Division Director of Treasury
- Salvador Lopez, Chief Deputy Auditor-Controller
- Stephanie Tapia, Auditor II
- Foreperson, Grand Jury
- Robin Stieler, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
- Eide Bailly LLP, County External Auditor

Independent Accountant's Review Report

We have reviewed the accompanying Orange County Treasurer's Schedule of Assets (Schedule) as of March 31, 2025, and related notes to the Schedule. A review includes primarily applying analytical procedures to management's financial data and making inquiries of management. A review is substantially less in scope than an audit, the objective of which is the expression of an opinion regarding the Schedule as a whole. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

Management's Responsibility for the Schedule

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the Schedule in accordance with the modified accrual basis of accounting; this includes determining that the modified accrual basis is an acceptable basis for the preparation of the Schedule in the circumstances. Management is also responsible for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of Schedules that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Accountant's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to conduct the review engagement in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services promulgated by the Accounting and Review Services Committee of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Those standards require us to perform procedures to obtain limited assurance as a basis for reporting whether we are aware of any material modifications that should be made to the Schedule for it to be in accordance with the modified accrual basis of accounting. We believe that the results of our procedures provide a reasonable basis for our conclusion.

We are required to be independent of the Orange County Treasurer and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements related to our reviews.

Accountant's Conclusion

Based on our review, we are not aware of any material modifications that should be made to the Schedule in order for it to be in accordance with the modified accrual basis of accounting.

Basis of Accounting

We draw attention to Note 1 of the Schedule, which describes the basis of accounting. The Schedule is prepared in accordance with the modified accrual basis of accounting, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our conclusion is not modified with respect to this matter.



Rodrigo Martinez
Santa Ana, California
April 2, 2026

Orange County Treasurer's
Schedule of Assets Held in the County Treasury as of March 31, 2025
(Dollar Amounts in Thousands)

	Orange County Treasury Pool	Specific Investment Account	Bond Proceeds Account	Total
Cash	$ 88,748	$ -	$ -	$ 88,748
Investments	15,261,767	552,377	23,584	$ 15,837,728
Interest Receivable	86,954	447	182	$ 87,583
Total Assets	$ 15,437,469	$ 552,824	$ 23,766	$ 16,014,059

Note 1 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The Financial Reporting Entity

Under various State Laws, the Orange County Treasurer-Tax Collector (Treasurer) is responsible for tax collection, banking, safekeeping, depositing, disbursing, reporting and accountability of public funds in the County Treasury that includes cash and investments. The surplus cash (investments) invested in the County Treasury is called the Orange County Investment Fund (OCIF). The OCIF consists of three types of Funds, an external investment pool called the Orange County Treasury Pool (OCTP), Specific Investment Accounts and a Bond Proceeds Account that are included in the Schedule of Assets. State law defines three public fund objectives. First, provide maximum security of principal invested, second, provide adequate liquidity to pool participants, and third to achieve a market rate of return within the parameters of prudent risk management while conforming to all applicable statutes and resolutions governing the investment of public funds.

The OCTP is managed on behalf of the pool participants that consist of the County, local school and community college districts (Educational Districts) and other district funds, who are required by State statute to deposit funds in the County Treasury with the Treasurer, and other non-mandatory local agencies and districts (Voluntary Pool Participants). Monies of the County, Educational Districts and other legally separate external local agencies required to deposit funds with the Treasurer, which are not part of the County reporting entity, are commingled (pooled) for banking and investment purposes only and invested on the participants' behalf, for the purpose of benefiting from economies of scale though pooled banking and investment activities. The OCTP is not registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) as an investment company and therefore is exempt from SEC rules. The County will act on a "best efforts" basis to stabilize the OCTP Net Asset Value (NAV) at or above $0.9975 (in absolute dollar amounts). OCTP does not have any legally binding guarantees of share values. On August 1, 2024, Fitch affirmed their highest credit rating for the OCTP of AAAf for credit risk and a rating of S1. There is no assurance that such ratings will continue for any given period of time or that any such rating may not be lowered, suspended or withdrawn entirely by the respective rating agency if, in the judgment of such rating agency, circumstances so warrant.

Under State of California law Government Code Section (GCS) 53600.3, the Board of Supervisors (Board) is the governing body authorized to make investment decisions on behalf of the county and therefore fiduciaries subject to the prudent investor standard to safeguard the principal and maintain the liquidity needs of the County. State law GCS 53646(a)(1) states that, in the case of County government, the Treasurer may render a Statement of Investment Policy (IPS) to the Board to be reviewed and approved at a public meeting. The Treasurer did render a proposed 2025 Treasurer's IPS and Board Resolution delegating the investment authority to the Treasurer on December 17, 2024, that the Board deleted from the public agenda on December 17, 2024. The 2024 Treasurer's IPS expired on December 31, 2024. On February 11, 2025, the Board approved a County of Orange California Investment Policy (IP) submitted by County Counsel with the Board responsible for making investment decisions per GCS 53600.3. The Investment Authority section also stated that they can delegate as they determine appropriate and defined the County Investment Manager as the County official or individual authorized by the Board to invest. The IP renamed the pooled funds from the Orange County Treasurer's Pool to the Orange County Treasury Pool.

On February 25, 2025, the Board terminated the VPP effective June 30, 2025, which pursuant to GCS 27000.3 (b) defined the Treasurer as the fiduciary of these local agency discretionary funds. As of February 28, 2025, the majority of the VPP funds on deposit had been disbursed back to the local agencies. On March 11, 2025, the Board adopted a resolution dissolving the Treasury Oversight Committee (TOC) originally created pursuant to GCS 27131 and establishing an Investment Oversight Committee (IOC) not defined in State law. The Board directed voting members of the Audit Oversight Committee (Board Chair and Vice Chair, five Board appointed members) to sit as voting members of the newly created Investment Oversight Committee (IOC) and added the Superintendent of Schools as a member of the IOC.

The OCTP and the Specific Investment Accounts (all captive funds) are governed by the IP approved on February 11, 2025. The Bond Proceeds Account is governed by a governing board bond resolution and

the Specific Investment Accounts and the Bond Proceeds Account have separate agreements with a participant's governing board to invest funds that are set up for a specific purpose and identify if the investment maturities may extend beyond five years.

Financial Statement Presentation

The accompanying schedule of assets is presented on a modified accrual basis of accounting to comply with the financial reporting provisions of the CGC Section 26920 (a) and not intended to be a presentation in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States of America (GAAP) nor to present fairly the financial position of the County as a whole. The accompanying schedule of assets presents only the assets of the County Treasury that includes the Orange County Treasury Pool (OCTP), Specific Investment Accounts and Bond Proceed Accounts and is not intended to present fairly the financial position of the County as a whole.

Note 2 – Cash and Investments

Cash

As of March 31, 2025, the Treasurer maintained accounts at Wells Fargo bank. Demand deposits of public funds at financial institutions that are not covered by the Federal Depository Insurance Corporation (FDIC) are required to be collateralized under CGC Section 53652 et. seq. and the IP, which also prescribe the amount of collateral at market value that is required to secure these deposits. All such collateral is considered to be held by an agent of depository pursuant to CGC Section 53658. The pledge to secure deposits is administered by the California Department of Financial Protection and Innovation. Obligations pledged to secure deposits must be delivered to an institution other than the institution in which the deposit is made; however, the trust department of the same institution may hold them. Written agreements are required to provide, among other things, that the collateral securities are held separately from the assets of the custodial institution. Collateral is required for demand deposits at 110% of all deposits not covered by FDIC obligations of the United States and its agencies, or obligations of the State or its municipalities, school districts, and district corporations are pledged. Collateral of 150% is required if a deposit is secured by first mortgages or first trust deeds upon improved residential real property located in California. FDIC is available for demand deposits and time saving deposits at any one financial institution up to a maximum of $250.

Investments

Investments are reported at fair value in compliance with Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 72. Investments in the OCIF are marked-to-market on a daily basis and the fair value of the investments is provided by the Treasury's custodial bank. Investments held in the County Treasury are exposed to risks such as interest rate risk, credit risk, concentration of credit risk and custodial credit risk.

The table below summarizes the investments stated at fair value for OCTP, Specific Investment and the Bond Proceeds Accounts as of March 31, 2025:

	Orange County Treasury Pool	Specific Investment Account	Bond Proceeds Account
U. S. Government Agencies	$ 10,339,223	$ 6,866	$ 15,422
U. S. Treasuries	4,118,853	545,511	6,984
Money Market Mutual Funds	802,266	-	1,178
Local Government Investment Fund	1,425	-	-
Total Investments at Fair Value	$ 15,261,767	$ 552,377	$ 23,584

Note 3 – Interest Receivable

Interest receivable consists of interest accrued on investments including interest purchased with certain securities. As of March 31, 2025, interest receivable totaled: $86,954 for OCTP, $447 for Specific Investments, and $182 for the Bond Proceeds account.

Note 4 – Subsequent Event

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Andrew N. Hamilton, CPA
Orange County Auditor-Controller



Internal Audit

Review of the Treasurer's Schedule of Assets as of September 30, 2025

Audit Manager: Rodrigo Martinez
Auditor II: Stephanie Tapia

Audit Number 2507
Report Date: July 7, 2026

OFFICE OF THE
ORANGE COUNTY AUDITOR-CONTROLLER

ANDREW N. HAMILTON, CPA
AUDITOR-CONTROLLER

DATE: July 7, 2026

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors

FROM: Rodrigo Martinez, Audit Manager

SUBJECT: Review of the Treasurer's Schedule of Assets as of September 30, 2025

Pursuant to GOV Section 26920(a), we have reviewed the Treasurer's Schedule of Assets (Schedule) as of September 30, 2025, and the related notes to the Schedule. We use the term schedule instead of statement because the Schedule only presents the assets in the County Treasury; it does not present the financial position of the County Treasury. A statement fairly presents financial position in conformity with GAAP (e.g., a statement of net position), and a schedule presents data on legally prescribed basis different from GAAP (e.g., GOV Section 26920). Our report is attached for your review.

We appreciate the assistance extended to us by the personnel of the Treasurer-Tax Collector during this engagement. If you have any questions, please contact me at 714-834-6106.

Other recipients of this report:
Members, Audit Oversight Committee
Shari L. Freidenrich, Treasurer-Tax Collector
Jun Intal, Division Director of Treasury
Salvador Lopez, Chief Deputy Auditor-Controller
Stephanie Tapia, Auditor II
Foreperson, Grand Jury
Robin Stieler, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
Crowe LLP, County External Auditor

Independent Accountant's Review Report

We have reviewed the accompanying Orange County Treasurer's Schedule of Assets (Schedule) as of September 30, 2025, and related notes to the Schedule. A review includes primarily applying analytical procedures to management's financial data and making inquiries of management. A review is substantially less in scope than an audit, the objective of which is the expression of an opinion regarding the Schedule as a whole. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

Management's Responsibility for the Schedule

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the Schedule in accordance with the modified accrual basis of accounting; this includes determining that the modified accrual basis is an acceptable basis for the preparation of the Schedule in the circumstances. Management is also responsible for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of Schedules that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Accountant's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to conduct the review engagement in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services promulgated by the Accounting and Review Services Committee of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Those standards require us to perform procedures to obtain limited assurance as a basis for reporting whether we are aware of any material modifications that should be made to the Schedule for it to be in accordance with the modified accrual basis of accounting. We believe that the results of our procedures provide a reasonable basis for our conclusion.

We are required to be independent of the Orange County Treasurer and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements related to our reviews.

Accountant's Conclusion

Based on our review, we are not aware of any material modifications that should be made to the Schedule in order for it to be in accordance with the modified accrual basis of accounting.

Basis of Accounting

We draw attention to Note 1 of the Schedule, which describes the basis of accounting. The Schedule is prepared in accordance with the modified accrual basis of accounting, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our conclusion is not modified with respect to this matter.



Rodrigo Martinez
Santa Ana, California
July 7, 2026

Orange County Treasurer's
Schedule of Assets Held in the County Treasury as of September 30, 2025
(Dollar Amounts in Thousands)

	Orange County Treasury Pool	Bond Proceeds Account	Total
Cash	$ 50,574	$ -	$ 50,574
Investments	14,532,792	24,237	14,557,029
Interest Receivable	63,807	184	63,991
Total Assets	$ 14,647,173	$ 24,421	$ 14,671,594

Note 1 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The Financial Reporting Entity

Under various State Laws, the Orange County Treasurer-Tax Collector (Treasurer) is responsible for tax collection, banking, safekeeping, depositing, disbursing, reporting and accountability of public funds in the County Treasury that includes cash and investments. The surplus cash (investments) invested in the County Treasury is called the Orange County Investment Fund (OCIF). The OCIF consists of an external investment pool called the Orange County Treasury Pool (OCTP) and a Bond Proceeds Account that are included in the Treasurer's Schedule of Assets Held in the County Treasury. State law defines three public fund objectives. First, provide maximum security of principal invested, second, provide adequate liquidity to pool participants, and third to achieve a market rate of return within the parameters of prudent risk management while conforming to all applicable statutes and resolutions governing the investment of public funds.

The OCTP is managed on behalf of the pool participants that consist of the County, local school and community college districts (Educational Districts) and other district funds, who are required by State statute to deposit funds in the County Treasury with the Treasurer, and other non-mandatory local agencies and districts. Monies of the County, Educational Districts and other legally separate external local agencies required to deposit funds with the Treasurer, which are not part of the County reporting entity, are commingled (pooled) for banking for the purpose of benefiting from economies of scale though pooled banking activities. The OCTP is not registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) as an investment company and therefore is exempt from SEC rules. The County will act on a "best efforts" basis to stabilize the OCTP Net Asset Value (NAV) at or above $0.9975 (in absolute dollar amounts). OCTP does not have any legally binding guarantees of share values. On April 14, 2026, Fitch re-affirmed their highest credit rating for the OCTP of AAAf for credit risk and a rating of S1. There is no assurance that such ratings will continue for any given period of time or that any such rating may not be lowered, suspended or withdrawn entirely by the respective rating agency if, in the judgment of such rating agency, circumstances so warrant.

Under State of California law Government Code Section (GCS) 53600.3, the Board of Supervisors (Board) is the governing body authorized to make investment decisions on behalf of the county and therefore fiduciaries subject to the prudent investor standard to safeguard the principal and maintain the liquidity needs of the County. State law GCS 53646(a)(1) states that, in the case of County government, the Treasurer may render a Statement of Investment Policy (IPS) to the Board to be reviewed and approved at a public meeting. The Treasurer did render a proposed 2025 Treasurer's IPS and Board Resolution delegating the investment authority to the Treasurer on December 17, 2024, that the Board deleted from the public agenda on December 17, 2024. The 2024 Treasurer's IPS expired on December 31, 2024. On February 11, 2025, the Board approved a County of Orange California Investment Policy (IP) submitted by County Counsel with the Board responsible for making investment decisions per GCS 53600.3. The Investment Authority section also stated that they can delegate as they determine appropriate and defined the County Investment Manager as the County official or individual authorized by the Board to invest. The IP renamed the pooled funds from the Orange County Treasurer's Pool to the Orange County Treasury Pool.

On March 11, 2025, the Board adopted a resolution dissolving the Treasury Oversight Committee, (TOC) originally created pursuant to GCS 27131. At the same meeting, the Board also established an Investment Oversight Committee (IOC) not defined in State law and directed voting members of the Audit Oversight Committee (Board Chair and Vice Chair, CEO, five Board appointed members) to sit as voting members of the IOC and added the Superintendent of Schools as a voting member of the IOC. The IOC is responsible for reviewing any investment policies approved by the Board that governs the investment of funds deposited in the County Treasury. This includes reviewing proposed amendments or modifications to ensure compliance with applicable requirements and providing independent oversight of the County Treasury and its investment activities.

The OCTP is governed by the IP approved on February 11, 2025 and the Bond Proceeds Account is governed by a governing board bond resolution and a separate agreement with the governing board to

invest funds that are set up for a specific purpose and identify if the investment maturities may extend beyond five years.

Financial Statement Presentation
The accompanying schedule of assets represents only the assets of the OCTP and Bond Proceeds Account, is presented on a modified accrual basis of accounting to comply with the financial reporting provisions of the CGC Section 26920 (a) and is not intended to be a presentation in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States of America (GAAP) nor to present fairly the financial position of the County as a whole.

Note 2 – Cash and Investments

Cash
As of September 30, 2025, the Treasurer is responsible for the safekeeping of money in her custody and maintained bank accounts at the depository bank of Wells Fargo. Demand deposits of public funds at depository banks that are not covered by the Federal Depository Insurance Corporation (FDIC) and not invested as surplus are required to be collateralized under CGC Section 53649 and 53652 et. seq. and the IP, which also prescribe the amount of collateral at market value that is required to secure these deposits. All such collateral is considered to be held by an agent of depository pursuant to CGC Section 53658. The pledge to secure deposits is administered by the California Department of Financial Protection and Innovation. Obligations pledged to secure deposits must be delivered to an institution other than the institution in which the deposit is made; however, the trust department of the same institution may hold them. Written agreements are required to provide, among other things, that the collateral securities are held separately from the assets of the custodial institution. Collateral is required for demand deposits at 110% of all deposits not covered by FDIC obligations of the United States and its agencies, or obligations of the State or its municipalities, school districts, and district corporations are pledged. Collateral of 150% is required if a deposit is secured by first mortgages or first trust deeds upon improved residential real property located in California. FDIC is available for demand deposits and time saving deposits at any one financial institution up to a maximum of $250.

Investments
Investments are reported at fair value in compliance with Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 72. Investments in the OCIF are marked-to-market on a daily basis. The fair value of the investments is provided daily by the Treasurer's custodial bank of Northern Trust and included in the books and records of the Treasurer. Investments held in the County Treasury are exposed to risks such as interest rate risk, credit risk, concentration of credit risk and custodial credit risk.

The table below summarizes the investments stated at fair value for the OCTP and the Bond Proceeds Accounts as of September 30, 2025:

	Orange County Treasury Pool	Bond Proceeds Account
U. S. Government Agencies	$ 9,749,975	$ 15,530
U. S. Treasuries	3,750,125	7,073
Money Market Mutual Funds	1,031,236	1,634
Local Government Investment Fund	1,456	-
Total Investments at Fair Value	$ 14,532,792	$ 24,237

Note 3 – Interest Receivable

Interest receivable consists of interest accrued on investments including interest purchased with certain securities. As of September 30, 2025, interest receivable totaled: $63,807 for OCTP and $184 for the Bond Proceeds Account.

Note 4 – Subsequent Event

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Bill No.	Author	Description	Status	Position
AB 1596	Davies	**Sales Tax Exemption: Infant Car Seats** Exempts infant car seats from state sales and use tax from January 1, 2027 through January 1, 2032.	Held in Asm revenue and taxation	Watch
AB 1628	Rodriguez	**Safe Surrender: KID Act** Expands the safe surrender law to protect parents or custodians from child abandonment prosecution when surrendering infants 30 days old or younger (up from 72 hours) at a safe-surrender site.	Enrolled and sent to Governor 9/3/26	Watch
AB 1631	Muratsuchi	**Kindergarten Completion Requirement** Beginning in the 2028–29 school year, requires children to complete one year of kindergarten before entering first grade at a public elementary school, with limited exceptions for children judged ready for first-grade work.	Held in Asm. Approps.	Watch
AB 1634	Davies	**Child Health License Plates** Allows California Legacy License Plate applicants to add a "Have a Heart, Be a Star, Help Our Kids" shape for an additional fee, and increases fees for those specialty plates, with proceeds split between the California Environmental License Plate Fund and the Child Health and Safety Fund.	Held in Asm. Human Services	Support
AB 1639	Davies	**California Drowning Prevention and Rescue Act** Clarifies that 9-1-1 CPR instructions for drowning victims include both ventilation and chest compressions; requires updated public education on CPR; and requires biennial reports to the Legislature	Held in Asm emergency management.	Watch

		on California's lifeguard workforce beginning June 30, 2028.		
AB 1690	Ahrens	**Young Child Tax Credit** Expands the Young Child Tax Credit by redefining "qualifying child" to include children up to a higher age threshold (unspecified in the bill text) for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2026.	Held in Asm. Approps.	Watch
AB 1746	Davies	**CalWORKs: Childcare Request Forms** Requires counties to provide CalWORKs applicants and recipients with a childcare request form at key points in the process and to approve or deny the form within 10 working days of receipt.	Held in Sen Approps.	Watch
AB 1914	Schiavo	**General Plan: Childcare Element** Requires cities and counties, upon updating two or more general plan elements on or after January 1, 2028, to also review and update those elements to address local childcare needs and access.	Held in Sen. Approps	Support
AB 1981	Aguiar-Curry	**Subsidized Childcare: Reimbursement Rate Reporting** If new childcare reimbursement rates are not in effect by July 1, 2025, requires the Department of Social Services to annually report its rate transition timeline to the Chairperson of the Joint Legislative Budget Committee, starting no later than January 31, 2027.	Enrolled and sent to Governor 9/14/26	Support

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AB 1996	Bonta	**California Child Poverty Reduction Advisory Council** As amended in the Senate, establishes the California Child Poverty Reduction Advisory Council within CDSS (moved from CalHHS) to develop and publish a plan to reduce child poverty by 50 percent within 10 years and to evaluate the impacts of state budgets, legislation, and policies on children and families. The Senate amendments add members to the Council, add a July 1, 2030 sunset date, narrow the reporting requirements to one report by January 1, 2030 and recommendations by March 1, 2028, remove the requirement to analyze the Governor's budget and pending legislation on set timelines, and replace the four regional public hearings with quarterly Council meetings.	Approved by Governor 9/27/26.	Support, Co-Sponsor
AB 2092	Bonta	**Early Childhood Integrated Data System** Creates a statewide data system under DSS to link data across programs serving children birth to age five, establishes an Interagency Task Force to oversee development, and requires data-sharing agreements with specified state entities.	Held in Asm. Approps	Support
AB 2160	Rodriguez	**Medi-Cal: lactation services** Requires the Department of Health Care Services to issue updated Medi-Cal guidance by July 1, 2027, clarifying coverage for a continuum of lactation services, including health education, basic support, and lactation consultation. The department must seek stakeholder input before finalizing the guidance, and implementation is contingent on federal approval and funding.	Enrolled and presented to Governor 8/28/26.	Support
AB 2201	Boerner	**Medi-Cal: eligibility redetermination** would reinstate four proven eligibility and renewal strategies	Held in Senate Approps.	Support

		to streamline Medi-Cal renewal processing and minimize wrongful terminations for low-income Californians.		
AB 2230	Ávila Farías	**Immigration enforcement: child daycare facilities** would make it a felony for federal law enforcement—including members of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE)—to be stationed at or enter a polling place, voting center, or childcare facility in California.	Vetoed by Governor 9/20/26.	Support
AB 2258	Ávila Farías	**Childcare:** Requires CDSS to identify unspent childcare and development program funds at least quarterly and redirect those funds into a newly created Alternative Payment Program Enrollment Fund, which would be continuously appropriated to enroll additional eligible families in alternative payment programs.	Held in Senate Approps.	Watch
AB 2314	Rogers	**Child Care: Alternative Payment Program Funding Transfers:** As amended in the Senate, establishes a Voluntary Temporary Transfer (VTT) process allowing Alternative Payment Program (APP) contractors in good standing to request the transfer of unspent child care funds to contractors that can serve additional families, and requires the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) to acknowledge receipt of a request within 30 calendar days. The Senate amendments narrowed the bill significantly, removing county-initiated transfer requests, public reporting requirements, and protections against family disenrollment during enrollment balancing, and delay implementation until October 1, 2027.	Vetoed by Governor 9/27/26.	Watch

AB 2379	Solache	**Childcare workers: immigration rights:** This bill would state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation to ensure childcare workers have access to resources and education regarding protecting their immigration rights.	Ordered to inactive file 8/27/26.	Support
AB 2429	Rubio	**Childcare: Mental Health Consultation Services** Streamlines the requirements for reimbursable early childhood mental health consultation services by replacing the current detailed relationship-based model components with a simpler standard centered on at least one annual classroom observation per school year.	Approved by Governor 9/20/26.	Support
AB 2441	Rodriguez	**Community Supporting Innovation Pilot Program** Requires the Office of Child Abuse Prevention to establish a pilot program awarding grants to 25 community-based organizations, such as family resource centers, to serve as referral and support pathways for families with complex needs who are not at substantial risk of child abuse. Pilot sites would connect families to services related to basic needs, childcare, behavioral health, and financial stability to reduce unnecessary child welfare involvement. The office must evaluate the program and submit recommendations for statewide implementation to the Legislature by July 1, 2030.	Held in Asm Approps.	Support
AB 2515	Harabedian	**Childcare: Technical Changes** Makes technical, nonsubstantive changes to provisions governing staffing rules for center-based childcare and development programs under contract with DSS.	Introduced 2/20/26	Watch

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AB 2673	Rodriguez	**Tax Credit: Childcare Contributions** Creates a 50% tax credit (up to $100,000) against personal income and corporation taxes for qualified contributions to promote childcare, for taxable years January 1, 2027 through January 1, 2032.	Held in Asm. Revenue & Tax Committee	Watch
AB 2678	Muratsuchi	**Preschool: QRIS Block Grant** Makes nonsubstantive changes to provisions governing the early learning quality rating and improvement system (QRIS) block grant administered by the Superintendent of Public Instruction.	Introduced 2/20/26	Watch
AB 2704	Addis	**Fee Schedule pilot program:** this bill would stablish a pilot program focused on enrolling under-represented entities in the Fee Schedule that serve children 0 to 5, students in small and rural school districts, and transitional age youth (TAY).	Held in Senate Approps	Support, co-sponsor
AB 2737	Patel	**California Early Intervention Services Act** Makes a technical, nonsubstantive change to provisions governing timely evaluation and assessment of infants and toddlers under the California Early Intervention Services Act.	Introduced 2/20/26	Watch
AB 2756	Ahrens	**Medi-Cal: vision services: performance measures** As amended in the Senate, requires the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) to report data on vision services in Medi-Cal and to develop related performance metrics and benchmarks. The Senate amendments clarify data collection and reporting requirements, further specify DHCS's duties in developing performance benchmarks, and extend the deadlines by which DHCS must report data and establish benchmarks.	Approved by Governor 9/18/26	Support

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ACR 120	Ávila Farías	**Positive Parenting Awareness Month:** This measure would designate January 2026 as Positive Parenting Awareness Month in California.	Chaptered 4/21/26.	Support
SB 902	Grayson	**Childcare: Electronic Signatures** Authorizes electronic signatures under the Uniform Electronic Transactions Act (UETA) to satisfy signature requirements under the Child Care and Development Services Act, authorizes related documents to be created and stored electronically, and authorizes CDSS to adopt implementing regulations. Assembly amendments made conforming changes to the Education Code to authorize an electronic signature to satisfy a signature required by the Early Education Act.	Approved by Governor 9/20/26.	Support
SB 912	Cervantes	**Comprehensive Perinatal Services (Medi-Cal)** Consolidates oversight of the statewide comprehensive perinatal services program under DHCS, requires provider training, mandates managed care plan compliance, and requires reporting on individuals served beginning July 15, 2027, with a regulatory framework due by January 1, 2028.	Held in Sen Approps.	Watch
SB 954	Blakespear	**CEQA Exemptions: Childcare Facilities** States legislative intent to enact future legislation amending CEQA provisions related to childcare facilities, natural and protected lands, and advanced manufacturing.	Introduced 2/2/26, referred to Sen Rules	
SB 1051	Menjivar	**Foster Care: Childcare** Authorizes childcare navigators to refer foster children to county welfare departments for the Emergency Child Care Bridge Program and requires those counties to determine the child's eligibility.	Enrolled and presented to Governor 9/2/26.	Support

SB 1052	Gonzalez	**State Council on Developmental Disabilities**: strengthens California's authorized representative law by allowing individuals and families a free way to designate a trusted or "backup" representative in advance.	Held in Sen Approps	Watch
SB 1110	Becker	**Early Learning and Care: Reimbursement Rates** Beginning July 1, 2026, bases reimbursement for state preschool and center-based childcare programs on whether the program maintains at least 85% of certified daily enrollment; caps administrative and program support costs; sets a $300,000 minimum reimbursement floor; and places contractors below 85% enrollment for three consecutive years on conditional contract status.	Introduced 2/17/26, held in Sen Approps.	Watch
SB 1200	Menjivar	**Family daycare homes:** Redefines "infant" for family daycare home licensing and capacity purposes from under 2 years of age to under 18 months of age.	Held in Asm Approps.	Watch
SB 1202	Weber-Pierson	**Medi-Cal: Dashboard and outreach** Requires DHCS to strengthen California's response to federal Medi-Cal changes under H.R. 1, which could result in up to 2 million Californians losing coverage. The bill requires DHCS to create a public data dashboard tracking H.R. 1's impact on enrollment and terminations, strengthens state and county outreach requirements including collaboration with community-based organizations, and requires Medi-Cal managed care plans to educate enrollees on new work and community engagement requirements and their rights.	Held in Asm. Approps.	Support

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Federal				
H.R.8465	DeSaulnier	**Funding Early Childhood is the Right IDEA Act:** amend the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) by reauthorizing and increasing funding for preschool special education (Section 619) and early intervention programs for infants and toddlers (Part C).	Introduced 4/23/26 referred to the House Committee on Education and Workforce	
H.R.336	Ciscomani	**Head Start Education And Development Workforce Advancement and Yield Act (HEADWAY Act):** allows some teachers in Early Head Start programs to teach while in the process of earning their Child Development Associate (CDA) credential and completing training.	Introduced 1/13/25, referred to the House Committee on Education and Workforce.	
H.R.8937	McBath	**Early Childhood Workforce Advancement Act of 2026:** directs the Secretary of Education, in coordination with the Secretary of Health and Human Services, to award competitive grants to eligible partnerships to establish, expand, or support career and technical education programs of study in early childhood education.	Introduced 5/20/2026, referred to the House Committee on Education and Workforce.	
H.R.5524	Del. Norton	**Universal Prekindergarten and Early Childhood Education Act of 2025:** authorizes the Department of Education to award competitive grants to states. These grants are designed to establish or expand full-day, universal prekindergarten programs in public and charter schools.	Introduced 9/19/25, referred to the House Committee on Education and Workforce.	

H.R.2845	Hayes	**PROSPECT Act:** establishes competitive federal grants to empower community colleges and minority-serving institutions to act as incubators for infant and toddler child care talent, training, and campus access.	Introduced 4/10/25, referred to the House Committee on Education and Workforce and the Committee on Ways and Means.	
H.R.1061	Espaillat	**Protecting Sensitive Locations Act:** prohibits immigration enforcement actions within 1,000 feet of a sensitive location except in exigent circumstances, such as the imminent risk of death, violence, or physical harm to any person. Sensitive locations include: • health care facilities; • schools and school bus stops; • places that provide assistance for people such as children, pregnant women, and abuse victims; • child care facilities; • places that provide disaster or emergency services; • places of worship; • courthouses and lawyers' offices; • facilities used as polling places; • certain labor union facilities; and • public assistance offices.	Introduced 2/6/25, referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.	

Attachment 3

FIRST 5 ORANGE COUNTY

Strategic Plan Progress Report



October 2026

This report highlights progress made on each of the 10 Action Plans included in our Strategic Plan. Depending on data reporting frequency, information is included for July and August, and may include some of September.

What Children Need: Healthy development & early learning

Action Plan: → Kid Builders

Goal: *Provide easy tools to help parents support their child's development and strengthen First 5 OC's reputation as early childhood experts.*



We continued Kid Builder Story Time in partnership with the Garden Grove library. We also participated in community events where we shared Kid Builder resources and engaged parents in discussion about young children's development and school readiness. We are building partnerships with two HealthySteps clinics, Serve the People in Santa Ana and CHOICE in Anaheim. Our goal is to integrate Engaged Neighborhood (EN) work, developmental playgroups, and Kid Builder events with these clinic sites. The Kid Builder media kit was shared with EN partners, libraries, and other funded partners, and we are pleased to report that WIC will be sharing the toolkit and Kid Builders through their statewide newsletter.

3 partners actively using the Kid Builder Media Kit

5 community events promoting Kid Builders

1,000+ individuals attending Kid Builder events

1,500 average monthly visits to Kid Builders site (baseline)

Action Plan: → Early Identification and Intervention

Goal: *Increase well child visits, developmental screenings, and linkage to services*



Detect & Connect OC's pilot "Diagnosis Days" were featured at the First 5 CA summit in August, where we highlighted how technology combined with committed partners can effectively reduce autism diagnosis timelines and support systems change. Additionally, we held a series of meetings with key Detect & Connect OC stakeholders to discuss and align our goals for the coming year, and the full steering group met on Sept 21st and agreed on three priority focus areas: Medi-Cal Enrollment/ Reenrollment, Data Access & Use, and Exploration of Technology & Innovative Solutions for Early Diagnosis and Treatment. A HealthySteps Southern California Summit was held on Sept 15th, with more than 100 people participating. The summit brought together Managed Care Plans, First 5s, pediatric provider champions, and early childhood system leaders for a full day of shared learning about dyadic care and was one step in building a long-term support system for HealthySteps.

110 people attend HealthySteps SoCal Summit

Action Plan: → Early Childhood Mental Health

Goal: *Ensure early childhood mental health is embedded in all First 5 OC programs.*



Work continues with the help of Health+ Studios in our Perinatal Substance Use Disorder (PSUD) and Engaged Neighborhood work. Health+ is meeting with two Engaged Neighborhoods to support them in exploring what early childhood mental health looks like in their communities and identifying a concrete project to implement on the ground. Health+ is also developing a playbook for PSUD to lay out how a person with PSUD would navigate housing, meeting with and gathering information from all the agencies/ entities that are a part of the housing continuum. Additionally, the PHQ-9 was introduced as the tool that we will be using in our pre- and postnatal groups to track depression scores. Training continues on how to use the tool, why use the tool, and how to connect people to support should they screen high. The tool is not culturally sensitive to certain populations, so we are taking a closer look at how to support and train our Community Health Work(s) on using the tool to fidelity but applying it in a way that is culturally relevant without skewing the results

12 **of individuals trained on PHQ-9**

What Families Need: Knowledge, resources & support

Action Plan: → Home Visiting

Goal: *Maximize the home visiting system ensuring families with the greatest needs receive coordinated, quality, sustainable services that improve mental health, childhood development, and family well-being.*



We onboarded two additional partner agencies into our First 5 OC Network of Home Visiting providers: OC Deaf, focusing on the Deaf and Hard of Hearing population and Beyond Blindness, focusing on children with special needs and disabilities, including those who are blind or visually impaired. We also finalized the Home Visiting Collaborative referral pathway with the Coordinated Entry workgroup and began data collection for future evaluation of the pathway's use.

84 moderate- or high-risk families enrolled in Infant/Toddler home visiting in July/August

30 moderate- or high-risk families enrolled in CalWORKs home visiting in July/August

692 Infant/Toddler home visits provided in July/August

599 CalWORKs home visits provided in July/August

21 CalWORKs conversion applications sent to SSA

12 successful conversions to CalWORKs

Action Plan: → Prenatal and Postnatal Groups

Goal: *Improve health knowledge, care coordination, and maternal-child wellness by increasing enrollment and participation in Community Health Worker-led prenatal and postnatal classes.*



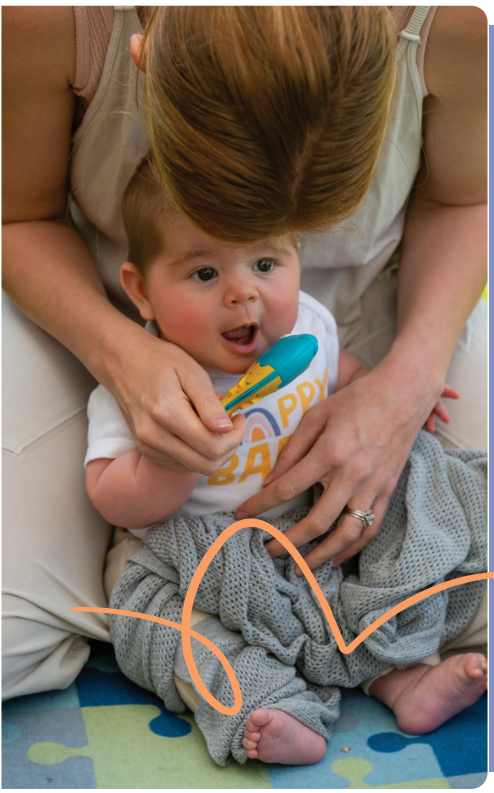
Two prenatal group series were held since our last report to the Board, including one by Fatherhood Connection and one by Padres Unidos We are working with our data service provider (NetChemistry) for the Bridges Connect data system to modify it so that we have better access to the system to track and support the work being done. The goal is to track the number of billable families, improve coordination between pre- and postnatal groups and other First 5 OC programs, and measure key performance indicators to inform long-term sustainability. We are also researching other platforms to see if there is something that would better suit the work we are doing and provide the data that would help us reach our reporting and program evaluation goals. We are training the new Engaged Neighborhood Community Health Workers to use Bridges Connect.

2 prenatal group series held

52 individuals participate in prenatal group series

Action Plan: → Hospital Screening and Perinatal Community Health Worker Navigation

Goal: *Identify families within the health care system that need additional supports and connect them to the supports needed.*



We are designing a workflow for the continuum of care for perinatal families. We held our quarterly Community Health Worker (CHW) training and met with Engaged Neighborhood staff so they are conversant with available First 5 OC programs and how they can support the needs of family. We are holding trainings and providing technical assistance on how to support a referral pathway across the entire continuum of care. We also continue to track reimbursements and the volume of referrals that are CCN members to be billed. Once enough data has been collected, we will examine how we can use this additional stream of income to sustain and grow programs. Finally, we are working with a consultant to source a new data system that better suits the work we are doing, is more affordable, and provides the services we need.

$6,820

billed to CalOptima in 2026 for CCN members

$1,040

billed to CalOptima in July for CCN members

Action Plan: → Family Wellness Plans and Peer Support Specialists

Goal: *Ensure families impacted by Substance Use Disorder receive early, coordinated peer-led support, navigation to treatment.*



In August, we facilitated professional development training on the PHQ-9 and Bridges Screening Tool, supporting our efforts to increase perinatal depression screenings. To support sustainability for this work long-term, we held a documentation 101 training in mid-September for Peer Support Specialists and Community Health Workers (CHWs). Also in September, we held the 4th Annual Family Wellness Summit in partnership with Social Services Agency and the Health Care Agency. A moving testimonial from one of our Peer Support clients highlighted the need to address stigma around perinatal substance use disorder and strengthen countywide family wellness efforts. Accessing the data from Bridges Connect continues to be challenging, with the inability to provide a report that provides billing eligibility. We are currently reviewing other case management platforms for Peer documentation, reporting, and CHW billing efficacies.

6 **prenatal referrals received for families affected by substance use disorder**

5 **Family Wellness Plans initiated**

5 **clients have been linked to recovery services or being co-managed by a public health nurse.**

What Communities Need: Safe, connected neighborhoods

Action Plan: → Engaged Neighborhoods

Goal: *Support neighborhoods that empower families and partners to ensure all children enter kindergarten healthy and ready to learn.*



All Engaged Neighborhoods currently have a Community Health Worker in place and have been participating in trainings with First 5 OC staff, tailoring developmental playgroup curricula for their communities. SAELI launched its fall developmental playgroup series in September. We are also exploring connections between CHOICE and Serve the People HealthySteps clinics, and Santa Ana Early Learning Initiative (SAELI) and Anaheim Little Learners. The Community Enrollers who are dedicated to each of the Engaged Neighborhoods are in full swing, educating and enrolling families in Medi-Cal. We developed a shared master calendar of events that we are updating monthly and working to streamline the enrollment process and make it more accessible for both partners and families. This includes identifying physical spaces for enrollers and exploring an appointment-based system for families seeking enrollment assistance.

3 community outreach events promoting Kid Builders

117 individuals attending community outreach events promoting Kid Builders

Action Plan: → Child Care

Goal: *Increase access to quality child care.*



Since our last report to the Board, we held the 9th child care business incubator cohort. Supervisor Sarmiento provided partial funding for this cohort. This cohort was offered in Vietnamese and Farsi in addition to Spanish. Programming will end September 29th for this cohort. We are working to understand language interpretation needs, as demand is inconsistent in terms of how many people access the support from week to week. We have also focused recently on understanding strengths and fit among the various partners supporting the cohorts which has led to more aligned communication and expectations of roles and responsibilities.

50 participants in child care incubator

12 participants from 2nd District

4 languages offered to incubator participants

2 new child care businesses

6 new child care slots for infants & toddlers

What Systems Need: Coordinated, responsive services

Action Plan: → School District Engagement and Early Development Index

Goal: *Increase school district engagement in 0-3 programming and Regional Center to School District transitions.*



Over the summer months, First 5 OC staff and our funded partners continued to share Early Development Index (EDI) findings including across the 25 school districts, home visitors, and HealthySteps Clinics. UCLA will support internal staff to create strategies on how to make the EDI data actionable in their programmatic areas this fiscal year. School districts submitted their 2025-26 Quarter 4 data in August, and the First 5 OC team is analyzing it to track the amount funding designated specifically for early learning, as well as to compile highlights of early childhood activity and impact of our investment. Staff is also beginning our work to explore how First 5 OC can support districts to include prevention and early intervention in the Child and Youth Behavioral Health Initiative Fee Schedule. During summer meetings with districts, we collected information on which districts already have wellness coaches onboarded and will have a baseline number for the next update.

29 presentations about EDI findings

16 districts included early childhood programming in their Local Control Accountability Plans

Action Plan: → Child Care

Goal: *Increase access to quality child care.*



The Child Care Data System Workgroup meets monthly with three subgroups focused on parent/caregivers, providers, and data system stakeholders meeting in between the full workgroup meetings. In August, we launched parent and provider surveys to understand what is working and what are pain points for parents trying to access child care and challenges for providers trying to match families with available child care spaces. To date, we have about 1,000 survey responses – 70% from parents and 30% from providers. Over the next few months, we will analyze the data for key learnings to help develop specifications for an improved child care data platform in Orange County. A survey of data system stakeholders launched in September. The Data System Workgroup and the Early Childhood Education Collaborative developed a joint Letter of Interest to apply for a funding opportunity from Heising Simons (due September 30th).

1,000+ responses to parent and provider child care survey

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Agenda Item 7
October 7, 2026

DATE: September 30, 2026

TO: First 5 Orange County

FROM: Cassie Trapesonian, Commission Counsel

ACTION: Closed Session will be held pursuant to Government Code Section 54957(b) to evaluate the performance of the President/CEO, Kimberly Goll, and pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6, to meet with the designated representative, Vice Chair Vicente Sarmiento, regarding the compensation of the President/CEO

A Closed Session will be held as follows:

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