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JOINT STATEMENT ON BEHALF OF BOARD PRESIDENT SHAMANN WALTON, SUPERVISOR AARON PESKIN, AND SUPERVISOR AHSHA SAFAI

On Friday, May 20, 2022, the Department of Children Youth and Their Families (DCYF) issued a memo to summer childcare service providers across the City imperiling tens of millions of dollars in funding for programs that are set to commence in mere weeks. By their own admission, it is confusing and provides no clarity as to the impact on this year's programs.

Throwing community service providers, their staff and participating families into dizzying confusion on the eve of summer programs is irresponsible, to say the least. We are consulting with the City Attorney and are in touch with a number of service providers to ensure that they will be able to proceed without any impact to staff or the families they serve.

To be clear: this has nothing to do with the ethics reform unanimously passed by the Board of Supervisors in December of last year, which includes a bright line exemption for grants made to the City. Departments should be fixing problems and serving our residents, not creating chaos for San Francisco families.