

From: [Maria Perez de Henderson](#)
To: [Lisa Bruner](#)
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Dear Lisa,

I wanted to provide you with some feedback in regards to the affordable childcare resolution.

Before I called my parents to tell them I was pregnant, I called the WCC Childcare Center (CDC) and got myself on the waitlist because they needed “proof of pregnancy” before I could get on their waitlist. I never got a spot there.

On the same day I put myself on my Hillcrest Kids daycare list, they were unable to take my child until she was 2. I paid for Sehome GRADS (my husband is a coach at the high school and we were able to get a spot there) but their hours were 8:10 AM- 3:45 and I work 8-5, therefore I paid for Grads daycare daily fee, brought in all of my food for my baby and then had to pay a nanny for two hours for 3:30-5:30.

This initiative sounds great, I only hope that the daycares we have in place now can also obtain some money for renovations and upgrades. Our current daycares have been doing more than they are asked for and their facilities are worn and old.

I am not in agreement that 60% of slots be reserved for folks under the poverty guidelines. They already get a subsidy for daycare, why should they get even more breaks. My husband and I both work, we scrape by and yes our daycare payment is more than our mortgage payment, but we continue to scrape by. No one gives us a break, no one saves a spot for us at daycare. Folks under the poverty guideline already get plenty of breaks, do not give them anymore.

Thank you.
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Manos limpias y corazones abiertos,

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