

**MEMORANDUM
PLACER COUNTY HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
Administration**

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors

FROM: Richard J. Burton, M.D., M.P.H.,
Placer County Health Officer, Director of Health and Human Services
Bud Bautista, Director, Children's System of Care

DATE: March 7, 2006

SUBJECT: Support AB 1876 to Improve Options for Permanent Family Arrangements for Foster Children in Placer County.

ACTION REQUESTED:

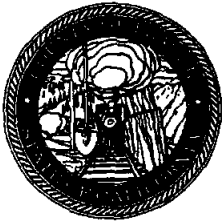
Authorize the Chairman to sign the attached letter in support of Assembly Bill 1876, authored by Assemblyman Tim Leslie, establishing a pilot program to improve options for permanent family arrangements for foster children in Placer County.

BACKGROUND:

For the past three years, Placer County, in conjunction with the California State Department of Social Services, has been piloting a number of child welfare system improvements, including improved options for permanency or adoption of foster children. We recognize the frequently under-utilized opportunities to partner with individuals in the faith-based community and many other community organizations that have similar goals of assisting foster youth to have permanent homes and families. We are confident that with the additional resources identified in this bill, Placer County will be all the more successful with our current efforts in this area.

FISCAL IMPACT:

AB 1876 will provide \$100,000 in State general funds to develop resources within the community to improve options for permanency and adoptions. To support this effort, the division anticipates that administrative and operational costs totaling approximately \$12,000 will be incurred and funded by Social Services Realignment or County General Fund in fiscal year 2007-2008.



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The Honorable Assembly Member Tim Leslie
California State Assemblyman, District 4
State Capitol, Room 4164
Sacramento, CA 94249

Re: SUPPORT: - Assembly Bill 1876

Dear Assembly Member Leslie:

Today, the Placer County Board of Supervisors voted to support your Assembly Bill 1876 that would establish a pilot program to improve options for permanent family arrangements for foster children in Placer County.

For the past three years, Placer County, in conjunction with the California State Department of Social Services, has been piloting a number of child welfare system improvements, including improved options for permanency or adoption of foster children. We recognize the frequently under-utilized opportunities to partner with individuals in the faith-based community and many other community organizations that have similar goals of assisting foster youth to have permanent homes and families. We are confident that with the additional resources identified in your bill, Placer County would be even more successful with our current efforts in this area.

Thank you for your support of Placer County's efforts in improving the opportunities for foster children to have permanent families and for authoring AB 1876.

Sincerely,

Bill Santucci, Chairman
Placer County Board of Supervisors

cc: State Senator Dave Cox
State Senator Sam Aanestad
State Assemblyman Rick Keene
State Assemblyman Roger Niello
State Advocate Don Peterson
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