

## CPAC Legislation & Policy Committee Meeting Notes

Date: July 19, 2023

Time: 4:00-5:00 pm

### **Topic #1 - Mayor's Office Planning a Ballot Proposition for Gross Receipts Tax and Changes to Big and Baby Prop C**

- Naeemah Charles discussed the Controller's outreach to Ingrid & Coalition, seeking representatives from DEC and the coalition. The Mayor plans to propose a ballot proposition in November 2024, targeting the gross receipts tax and possible changes to Big and Baby Prop C.
- Attendees suggested potential representatives, including Sara Hicks-Kilday from FCCA, Liz Winograd representing CPAC, and Maria Luz Torre from PVSF.
- Meeting attendees speculate that the Mayor aims to avoid another public spectacle involving child care and hopes for a resolution. A community meeting & budget season outcomes revealed strong opposition to changes in the original intent of Baby Prop C. *Though not a current priority, it's essential to raise community awareness for what could be on the horizon*
- The proposal could be a charter amendment, creating a reserve of surplus funds that cannot be touched. Margaret Brodkins expressed skepticism about the Mayor's intentions, fearing funds might be redirected from child care to businesses with hopes to appease at least one side.

### **Topic #2 - Debrief Budget Season (Takeaways, Suggestions, Negotiations)**

- The meeting addressed protecting the legislation and funds of Baby Prop C without altering its mechanism. There were concerns about the Mayor's unclear strategy and intentions, which may lead to community pushback.
- Participants committed to learning more about the budget changes and considering the broader picture. They discussed whether cutting taxes during a budget deficit is a good idea and emphasized fighting for collective good in the community's budget efforts.
- Other concerns included businesses leaving the city once they become profitable and the impact on child care programs when the city is unable to collect tax on those incomes.

### Campaign Debrief:

- The meeting acknowledged the impactful advocacy efforts of providers, community members, and child care staff during the campaign. The community's

strong presence and well-prepared comment scripts have inspired many beyond the scope of San Francisco

- Margaret Brodtkin suggested brainstorming use of footage and content from all budget advocacy efforts to spread word on community's remarkable impact
- Jon Skolnick highlighted some equity issues and suggested better timing and accommodations for public commenters to account for everyone's schedule
  - There were discussions about creating an automated text chain for updates and providing activities for those waiting in line in real-time
- The community praised the effectiveness of informational scripts and documents that helped communicate the budget changes effectively to media, press, community and Board of Supervisors

Upcoming Events:

- September CPAC General Meeting (In-Person for Members) - September 13, 2023.