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Informational Hearing Senate Human Services Committee

COVID-19 Impacts on Foster Care

November 16, 2020 – 1:00 p.m.
State Capitol, Room 4203

AGENDA

1. **Opening Remarks**
 - Senator Melissa Hurtado, Chair, Senate Committee on Human Services
2. **Overview of the System and its Current Challenges**
 - Gregory Rose, Deputy Director, California Department of Social Services
 - Bobby Cagle, Director, Department of Child and Family Services, Los Angeles County
 - Sanja Bugay, Director, Kings County Human Services Agency
 - David Green, Social Worker III, Los Angeles County on behalf of SEIU California
3. **Youth Needs and Challenges**
 - Leslie Starr Heimov, J.D., Executive Director, Children's Law Center of California
 - Jennifer Rodriguez, J.D., Executive Director, Youth Law Center
 - Makayla James, Statewide Legislative Policy Coordinator, California Youth Connection
 - Natasha Sosa, Foster Youth and Member, California Youth Connection Long Beach Chapter
 - Christina Torrez, Former Foster Youth and Member, California Youth Connection, Kern County Chapter
4. **Caregiver and Family Needs and Challenges**
 - Julia Hanagan, Attorney at Law, Staff Attorney, Dependency Legal Services
 - Angie Schwartz, Esq., Vice President, Policy and Advocacy, Alliance for Children's Rights
 - Dorothy Daniels, Resource Parent, Los Angeles County
 - MaryJo Meer, Resource Parent/Mentor, San Diego County and President, San Diego Foster Parent Association
5. **Unique Needs and Challenges**
 - Amber Davies, MSW, LCSW, Senior Director of Clinical Programs, Saving Innocence
 - Amelia Vargas, Non-minor Dependent
 - Simone Tureck Lee, Director of Housing and Health, John Burton Advocates for Youth
6. **Public Comment**
7. **Closing Remarks**