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I am writing because I am concerned about the proposed budget cuts and the impact they will have on the Emeryville Child Development Center. The Emeryville Child Development Center is an essential institution to the city of Emeryville, and the surrounding community of North Oakland. This institution provides high quality child care for families who would not be able to afford other child care options. Early childhood education is important for healthy communities for many reasons, but most important to the city it keep families working and sets children on a path for success. The wellknown and respected Heckman study (<https://heckmanequation.org/resource/4-big-benefits-of-investing-in-early-childhood-development/>) shows that the rates of return on investment in early childhood education are outstanding, supporting children's health, education later in life, sociability and economic productivity. But beyond what children are receiving Emeryville Child Development Center supports working families. I have personally seen this in my neighborhood, with the mother next door who is going to Medical School, her husband just began a degree at UC Berkeley while working as a server in a restaurant all of which is only possible because of ECDC's affordable childcare offerings. Please explore other solutions to Emeryville's budget. Please continue to support a legacy of early childhood education, supporting families and the future of Emeryville.

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