

2 April 4, 2012

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4 UJA-Federation of New York
5 130 East 59th Street
6 New York, NY 10022

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8 **Re: Mayor's FY13 Preliminary Budget Cuts to Child Care and Afterschool Services**

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10 Community Board 4's commitment to the future and development of New York's
11 children is paramount, in that vien we are writing to express our opposition to the
12 Mayor's prosed budget cuts to child care and afterschool programs for FY13.

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14 The Mayor's FY13 Preliminary Budget puts 47,000 children at risk of losing their child
15 care and after-school program. This is the 5th straight year of cuts to both child care and
16 after-school, and the newest cuts in the FY 13 Preliminary Budget, combined with the
17 current Early Learn NYC and Out-of-School Time RFP's, would mean that more than
18 90,000 children will be left without care since 2009¹.

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20 Child care and after-school programs provide children with critical educational
21 opportunities that pave the way for future success, and kids who attend these programs do
22 better in school, are more likely to graduate, and have lower incidences of violence, drug-
23 use and teen pregnancy².

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25 Child care and after-school programs allow working parents to keep their jobs, and
26 without access to these programs, working parents will be forced to make potentially
27 unsafe arrangements for their children in order to keep their jobs³.

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29 Community Board 4 endorses the Campaign for Children, a partnership of The
30 Emergency Coalition to Save Child Care and the NYC Youth Alliance.

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32 Furthermore Community Board 4 calls on Mayor Bloomberg to take the steps necessary
33 to support the child care and after-school systems in his Executive Budget by restoring
34 \$104 million to the Administration for Children's Services for child care and \$66 million
35 to the Department of Youth and Community Development for after-school programs.

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37 Sincerely,

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¹ <http://www.campaignforchildrennyc.com/wp-content/uploads/2012/03/Impact-Brief-NYC-Diminishing-Investment-in-Children-and-Working-Families.pdf>

² W. Steven Barnett, Ph.D., National Institute for Early Education Research, Preschool Education and Its Lasting Effects: Research and Policy Implications, September 2008;

³ ACS Child Care Enrollment Report, January 2008 and January 2012.

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3 CC: Mayor Bloomberg
4 Chancellor Dennis Wolcott
5 Deputy Mayor Linda Gibbs
6 Speaker Christine Quinn
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