

**First 5 El Dorado  
ORDINANCE**

Pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 130140 (a) (1), it is the policy and practice of First 5 El Dorado to adhere to the County Ordinance Passed and Adopted by the Board of Supervisors and the County of El Dorado.

**THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF EL DORADO DOES  
ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1. Chapter 8.65 is hereby added to Title 8 of the El Dorado County Ordinance Code to read as follows:**

**FIRST 5 EL DORADO CHILDREN AND FAMILIES COMMISSION**

**8.65.010 Title.** This ordinance shall be known as the First 5 El Dorado Children and Families Commission Ordinance of El Dorado County.

**8.65.020 Findings and Purpose.** The Board of Supervisors hereby finds as follows:

The voters of the State of California passed the California Children and Families First Act of 1998. The act recognizes that there is a compelling need in California to create and implement comprehensive, collaborative, and integrated system of information and services to promote, support and optimize early childhood development from the prenatal stage through five (5) years of age.

The act further recognizes that there is a compelling need in California to ensure that early childhood development programs and services are universally and continuously available for children until the beginning of kindergarten. Proper parenting, nurturing, and health care during these early years will provide the means for California's children to enter school in good health, ready and able to learn, and emotionally well developed.

It is the intent of this ordinance to facilitate the creation and implementation of an integrated, comprehensive, and collaborative system of information and services to enhance optimal early childhood development.

This system should function as a network that promotes accessibility to all information and services from any entry point into the system. It is further the intent of this ordinance to emphasize local decision making, to provide for greater local flexibility in designing delivery systems, and to eliminate duplicate administrative systems.

The California Children and Families First Act of 1998 provides for funding through an excise tax on tobacco products in order to implement the goals and

strategic plan; educators specializing in early childhood development; representatives of a local child care resource or referral agency, or a local child care coordinating group; representatives of a local organization for prevention or early intervention for families at risk; representatives of community-based organizations that have the goal of promoting nurturing and early childhood-development; representatives of local school districts; and representatives of local medical, pediatric, or obstetric associations or societies.

**8.65.070 Bylaws.** The Commission shall adopt and amend bylaws. Upon adoption by the Commission, bylaws shall be submitted to the Board of Supervisors as receive and file.

Bylaws, which set forth the manner of appointment, selection, or removal of members of the county commission, the duration and number of terms county commission members shall serve, and any other matters that the Board of Supervisors deems necessary or convenient for the conduct of the county commission's activities shall be developed by the Commission.

Procedures for the conduct of business by the commission not specified in this ordinance shall be contained in bylaws adopted by the commission, and the Board of Supervisors.

**8.65.080 County Strategic Plan.** The commission shall adopt an adequate and complete Strategic Plan for the support and improvement of early childhood development within the County.

- A. The Plan shall be consistent with, and in furtherance of the purposes of, the Act and any guidelines adopted by the state commission pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 130125 that are in effect at the time the plan is adopted.
- B. The Plan shall, at a minimum, include the following: a description of the goals and objectives proposed to be attained; a description of the programs, services and projects proposed to be provided, sponsored, or facilitated; and a description of how measurable outcomes of such programs, services and projects relating to early childhood development within the County will be integrated into a consumer-oriented and easily accessible system.
- C. Commission shall measure the outcomes of its funded programs through the use of applicable, reliable indicators and review that information on a periodic basis as part of the public review of its county strategic plan.

**8.65.170 Amendments to Ordinance.** This Ordinance may be amended from time to time as deemed necessary and appropriate by the board in accordance with the act.

**8.65.180 Severability.** If any portion or provision of the act or this ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional, such shall not affect other provisions or applications of the ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid or unconstitutional provisions or applications thereof, and to this end, the provisions of this ordinance are severable.

**Section 2.** This act is an urgency ordinance necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health or safety within the meaning of Government Code section 25123 and shall go into immediate effect. The facts constituting the necessity are:

State funding resulting from the passage of Proposition 10 (California Children and Families First Initiative), for early childhood development and smoking prevention programs, begins accruing on January 1, 1999. Section 130100 of the Health and Safety Code requires that the county enact an ordinance creating a County Commission to oversee the expenditure of allocated revenue, prior to January 1, 1999, in order for the county to receive funding. Failure to enact the ordinance by such date, places the county in jeopardy of losing all or part of the county's share which accrues after January 1, 1999, result in the delay of the provisions of new early childhood development and smoking prevention programs, which would have a detrimental effect on the health of the citizens of El Dorado County, particularly the children.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Board of Supervisors and the County of El Dorado at a regular meeting of said Board held on the 8th day of December 1998.



September 30, 2013

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Dear Kathi,

I enjoyed meeting you recently, as well as several members of the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors. I look forward to being a resource to you and the Supervisors. The purpose of this letter is to provide you with background information on the Sierra Sacramento Valley Medical Society (SSVMS) and the role the medical society plays in our community.

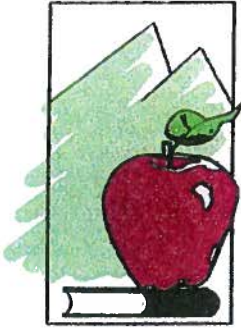
SSVMS' membership includes physicians in all modes of practice and specialties, as well as medical students, residents, and fellows. In continuous operation since 1860, SSVMS is the oldest medical society in California and represents nearly 3,000 physicians in El Dorado, Sacramento and Yolo counties. Approximately one-third of the practicing physicians in El Dorado County are members of the medical society.

As a component medical society of the California Medical Association (CMA), SSVMS' mission is to promote the science and art of medicine, protection of public health, and the betterment of the medical profession. Our guiding principles:

- All physicians, regardless of mode of practice, are uniquely qualified and committed to compassionate treatment of patients.
- Physicians share a commitment to uphold the law, standards and principles of the profession.
- Unite physicians of all specialties to create a strong local physician community.
- Advocate for patient and physician rights at the local, state and national levels.
- Improve access, quality, and continuity of care in our community.

Through membership in SSVMS and participation in its committees and community health activities, physicians promote the art and science of medicine, defend the public health, and ensure that patients have access to quality, cost-effective medical care.

SSVMS is grounded in philanthropy. The Community Service, Education and Research Fund (CSERF) program is a non-profit, 501 (c) (3) organization established by SSVMS as a vehicle to involve physicians and the larger healthcare community in community service, education, and research. CSERF's programs and services are focused on increasing access to healthcare services, improving health outcomes, and building the future healthcare system. All of these programs are supported entirely through contributions and grants from the community. In addition, our SPIRIT (Sacramento Physicians' Initiative to Reach out, Innovate and Teach) program recruits and places physician volunteers in community clinics, where they provide medical services to our region's uninsured and medically indigent.



# El Dorado County Office of Education

October 7, 2013

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Dear Kathi,

The El Dorado County Superintendent's Council voted unanimously at the May 2, 2013 meeting to support my appointment to the First 5 El Dorado Children and Families Commission, filling the position previously held by Dr. Vicki Barber. Dr. Barber had served as the countywide voice for education for 14 years, since the Commission's inception in 1999.

Membership of Superintendent's Council is limited to Superintendents from each of the School Districts in the county, the County Superintendent and two Associate Superintendents of the County Office. The Council supports collaborative efforts and actively attempts to find ways in which to maximize effectiveness in public education throughout the county and reduce costs by working together.

The Superintendent's Council has a long history of collaboration with First 5 El Dorado. Through the support of the Council, El Dorado County is the first in the state to implement a statewide, universal kindergarten entry screening. Each fall, kindergarten teachers screen incoming students to better understand a child's social, emotional and cognitive readiness for school. As a result, we know that 76% of children entering kindergarten are ready for school. This information is crucial in developing strategies to support the remaining 24% prior to school entry.

The Council limits their endorsements to support local decision making. However, in the appointment of a First 5 El Dorado Commission representative, the Council believes countywide representation of education is key in collaboratively developing an early childhood system to support a child's readiness for school.

I look forward to serving as the educational representative for the Commission, bringing the voice of school district superintendents forward in supporting the Commission's mission to improve "the lives of children 0 through 5 and their families by promoting, enhancing, and developing comprehensive early childhood systems through collaborative partnerships, early care and education, health, and community services."

Sincerely,

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