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Chairman Mark Ridley-Thomas, Child Care Providers and Community Activists Call on Sacramento to Increase Early Education Funding

What: Press Conference asking Sacramento to spend more money on early childhood education rather than building prisons.

When: 9:30 a.m., Tuesday, September 10

Who: Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors Chairman Mark Ridley-Thomas, Los Angeles Unified School District Board member Monica Garcia, concerned parents and child care providers.

Where: Twin Towers Jail
450 Bauchet Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Background:

The U.S. Supreme Court has ordered California to reduce its prison population by nearly 10,000 inmates. Governor Jerry Brown has proposed to spend hundreds of millions of taxpayer dollars to build prisons. In California, more than \$11- billion is spent on the prison system—five times more than what is spent on early learning and care. At-risk children who are left out of quality early learning programs are 85 percent more likely to have been sentenced to prison or jail as adults.

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