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Following the release of the State Senate and Assembly budget proposals, Pathways LA released the following statement:

*“Pathways LA commends the State Legislature for revising the budget proposal to increase access to child care for our community’s most vulnerable populations. These revisions include doubling child care spaces to 200,000 and allocating \$1 billion for provider rate reform. For too long our child care providers —many of whom are struggling to keep their doors open—have not had access to critical funding that would provide a sensible livable wage. Without an increase in provider rates there will be mass closures in the industry, causing innumerable harm to children and families.*

*We urge Governor Newsom to accept the Legislature’s budget suggestions in the final stages of budget implementation. We are hopeful the changes will continue to push the needle forward for steady, equitable rates for child care providers and serve as a starting point to close the gap of child care space, helping to ensure high quality child care for California’s children.”*

#### **About Pathways LA**

Pathways LA is committed to the healthy development and school readiness of young children from disadvantaged communities. Driven by data and innovation, our experts support the continuum of care that includes parents, childcare providers, community partners, and policymakers. Learn more at: <https://pathwaysla.org/>

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