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Good evening, Councilmember Yang:

I'm writing to share with you my sincerest joy seeing the early learning resolution on the agenda for tomorrow.

As a parent who had to exit the workforce when I had a child in 2020 due to the incredibly high cost of child care, I believe access to quality, affordable early learning is vital for our city. It's how to ensure our kids have a chance to succeed and be incredible citizens. It's a way to allow parents to stay and grow in their careers, helping out local businesses and economy thrive. This is it.

I ask that you vote yes on this incredible and historic opportunity to lift up our city's children with access to early learning.

Sincerely,

Shelly Fine