SACRAMENTO COUNTY
CHILDREN'S COALITION

Appointed by the Sacramento County
Board of Supervisors

MEMBER COMMITMENT PLEDGE

I, _____, recognizing the important responsibility that I am undertaking in serving as a member of the Sacramento County Children's Coalition, hereby pledge to carry out in a trustworthy and diligent manner the duties and obligations in my role as a member.

MY ROLE:

I acknowledge that my primary role as a Children's Coalition member is to (1) contribute to the fulfillment of the Coalition's mission, and (2) carry out the functions of the Coalition as stated in the bylaws.

MY COMMITMENT:

I will represent my constituency and the perspectives of the Children's Coalition while advocating for the community's children and youth. I will exercise the duties and responsibilities of this office with integrity, collegiality and care.

I PLEDGE TO:

- Establish as a high priority my attendance at all meetings of the Children's Coalition. I will notify the Coalition Secretary and/or staff if I am unable to attend a general meeting or a meeting of a committee on which I serve.

- Participate in at least one Children's Coalition committee or liaison assignment, including:
  - Executive Committee
  - Child Protective Systems Oversight Committee
  - Policy and Advocacy Committee
  - Children's Trust Fund Committee
  - Human Services Coordinating Council Liaison
  - First 5 Advisory Board Liaison
  - Steering Committee on Reduction of African American Child Deaths Liaison

- Educate our community about the Children's Coalition;

- Inform the Children's Coalition of public concerns;

- Bring children's issues to the attention of the Children's Coalition;

- Educate myself, as well as other Children's Coalition members and constituencies, on children's services and systems;

- Educate the Board of Supervisors on issues affecting children and advocate on behalf of children's issues identified by the Children's Coalition;

- Help recruit new members for the Children's Coalition and its subcommittees;

- Mentor new members;

- Be prepared to discuss the issues and business addressed at scheduled meetings, having read the agenda and all background material relevant to the topics at hand;

- Work with and respect the opinions of my peers who serve the Children's Coalition and to leave my personal prejudices out of all Coalition discussions;

- Represent the Children's Coalition in a positive and supportive manner at all times and in all places;

- Observe the parliamentary procedures and display courteous conduct in all Children's Coalition and committee meetings; and

- Avoid conflicts of interest (as well as the appearance of such conflicts) between my position as a Children's Coalition member and my personal life. If such a conflict does arise, I will declare that conflict before the Coalition and refrain from voting on matters in which I have a conflict.

I understand that, per Article III, Section 1.04 of the Children's Coalition bylaws, should I be unable to maintain my regular attendance at Coalition meeting and any of its committees on which I serve (60% of meetings in a year), I may be subject to administrative action including suspension and possible dismissal, as well as ineligibility to serve as a member of the Executive Committee.

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MEMBER SIGNATURE DATE