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Former Los Angeles City Councilmember Joy Picus gives Grace Caldwell her "diploma" during the Joy Picus Child Development Center Preschool Graduation celebration.

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On June 23, former Councilwoman Joy Picus visited a 'graduation' ceremony at the child-care center that she initiated and which was dedicated in her name.

"Not only am I delighted to be here, I am truly honored to join you for this graduation," Picus said. "I love seeing the beautiful faces of these children, and they look like Los Angeles."

Picus represented the Third District for West



From left: Joy Picus Child Development Center Director Tamara Brown, Joy Picus and Mt. Washington Preschool and Child Development Centers Executive Director Darlene Cabrera share a proud moment after the ceremony.

## GENERAL SERVICES

# Joy Picus School 'Graduation'

San Fernando Valley from 1977 to 1992 and was instrumental in establishing the Joy Picus Child Development Center, the City's first onsite child-care center for City Employees. The school opened in 1992 and was named for Picus in 1996.

"Joy Picus Child Development Center has been like our second home, and we love it there," said Lauren Skinner, president of the Center's Parent Council. "My son receives excellent care and has learned so much! It was truly a pleasure to meet the woman I can thank for

having him so close to work."

The Joy Picus Child Development Center serves infants as young as six weeks through preschoolers. Located in City Hall, it serves City employee families primarily, but also accepts community children. Both the Joy Picus Center and the sister-center, the Harry Pregerson Child Care Center, are managed by Mt. Washington Preschools & Child Care Centers. For more information, go to [www.mt-washingtonpreschools.org](http://www.mt-washingtonpreschools.org) or find them on Facebook.

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