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James Harris, Oakland Unified School District Board of Directors and
Kyla Johnson-Trammell, Superintendent
1000 Broadway, Suite 680
Oakland, CA 94607

Dear Mr. Harris & Ms. Johnson:

On behalf of Alameda County's Early Care & Education Planning Council, I am writing regarding the potential loss of up to 118 slots/spaces in the 94605 East Oakland community including 32 slots at Eastmont and 86 slots for Castlemont.

We do not endorse individual providers, however, we provide background on the supply and demand of quality early care and education options throughout Alameda County. This neighborhood and the 94605 zip code has one of the largest unmet early care and education needs for infants, toddlers and preschool children.

Losing this facility would pose an undue hardship on East Oakland's youngest learners and their families. I ask you to please consider maintaining and permanently securing these slots by finding viable solutions that support the best interests of children and families.

Please feel free to contact me should you have questions or need further clarification at (510) 208-9651: LaWanda.Wesley@acgov.org.

Sincerely,

LaWanda Wesley,
Planning Council Coordinator

Cc: Sara Bedford and David Silver, City of Oakland

