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Dear Supervisors,

On behalf of the Alameda County Early Care and Education Planning Council (ECEPC), I thank you for your efforts to end the child crisis in Alameda County by putting Measure A on the June 2018 ballot. While Measure A efforts did not acquire the 66.67% needed to secure its passing in July, the effort clearly educated a lot of our residents and demonstrated this by coming very near passing with 66.2% of the vote.

As you know the Alameda County Early Care and Education Planning Council's role is to advise the Alameda County Board of Supervisors on matters effecting early care and education in our county. Without the passage of this initiative the child care crisis in our county continues. Families who qualify for subsidized care can still not access it, early educators still cannot earn a living to support their own family, and the special child care needs of families who are at risk and suffering from homelessness continue to go unaddressed.

The Alameda County ECEPC recommends that the Alameda County Board of Supervisors place the initiative on the November 2018 Ballot in order to address this crisis by:

- Expanding access to childcare and preschool for low- and middle-income families
- Help families with young children who are homeless and at-risk, and help prevent child abuse and neglect
- Provide safe, affordable, quality childcare
- Attract and retain quality childcare workers
- Add thousands of spaces for childcare at locations throughout the county

We thank you for your continued efforts to address the needs of families in our county and ensure that our county's children have the quality child care that they need to be prepared for school and life.

Sincerely,

Melanie Mueller
Chair ECEPC

