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March 14, 2016

The Honorable Holly Mitchell, Chair
Senate Budget Subcommittee No. 3
State Capitol, Room 5080
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Increase in funding for Children who are Commercially Sexually Exploited

Dear Senator Mitchell:

On behalf of the Board of Supervisors, I write to inform you that Contra Costa County urges your support to provide an additional \$19.7 million General Funds in fiscal year 2016-17 to protect and serve child victims of commercial sexual exploitation through California's child welfare services system. Commercial sexual exploitation of children (CSEC) is a national and statewide epidemic that deserves our highest attention. Additional support is needed to enable child welfare agencies to effectively meet new federal mandates and serve the needs of this unique population.

While our county child welfare agency has made strides to serve this population, we have found that CSEC victims suffer from horrific and severe forms of physical, emotional and sexual abuse. This results in severe trauma to the victim that requires intensive services to protect the victim from their perpetrators and help them in their long journey to recovery. Effectively serving the CSEC population requires that services are delivered through a targeted and multi-disciplinary approach.

In our County, we have been working collaboratively with other systems including law enforcement, our Juvenile Courts, probation, education, mental health, public health, local non-profits, and others to leverage resources to serve this population. In 2015, our Child Welfare agency worked collaboratively with these partners to develop the Contra Costa County Interagency Protocol for Serving CSEC. This Protocol outlines the ways in which Contra Costa County will partner to address the complex needs of children exploited in our community as well as within our foster care system. Additionally, we have worked steadily to identify CSEC youth as well as at-risk youth within our community, foster care and probation systems.

New federal and state mandates require child welfare agencies to develop and implement local protocols to identify foster youth who are victims of CSEC and link these youth to appropriate services. While our county has taken steps to begin to serve CSEC victims through the development of local interagency response protocols, additional resources are needed to

implement our protocols and effectively serve youth. These include ensuring consistent messaging and consistent training for the community and our systems for CSEC identification, mechanisms for accurate screening for exploitation, broader and culturally specific service provision, enhanced and safe housing and placement resources, as well as funding for staff and service providers to outreach and serve our most vulnerable children. Once identified, victims require crisis stabilization and often have physical health needs that require immediate attention. They need safe housing with enhanced supervision and support to protect them from their perpetrator. Their perpetrators controlled everything and their victims often were left with nothing of their own, requiring emergency clothing, toiletries, and basic living supplies. Some victims will be saved with their own young children who also need support and services. These complex cases also require multi-disciplinary teams to meet frequently and quickly to leverage resources and coordinate services, and specially-trained social work staff in the child welfare agency to facilitate this process.

We greatly appreciate the Legislature's and Administration's investment of \$14 million in the 2015-16 budget year to begin to build capacity in local child welfare systems. Contra Costa County urges your support for an increase of \$19.7 million to enable our county to more effectively serve CSEC victims.

Sincerely,



CANDACE ANDERSEN
Chair, Board of Supervisors

cc: Members, Board of Supervisors
Contra Costa County Legislative Delegation
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The Honorable Tony Thurmond, Chair
Assembly Budget Subcommittee #1
State Capitol, Room 5150
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: Item 5180: Child Welfare Services: \$19.7 Million Budget Proposal for
Commercially Sexually Exploited Children Program – Support
Set for Hearing April 6, 2016, in Assembly Budget Subcommittee #1**

Dear Assembly Member Thurmond,

The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors supports the County Welfare Directors Association (CWDA) proposal for a State General Fund increase of \$19.7 million in FY 2016-17 for the Commercially Sexually Exploited Children (CSEC) Program. The CSEC funding would assist child welfare agencies with serving CSEC victims and with complying with the Federal Preventing Sex Trafficking and Strengthening Families Act. This issue will be heard in your Subcommittee on Wednesday, April 6, 2016.

The Los Angeles County region has been identified by the Federal Bureau of Investigation as one of the nation's 13 High Intensity Child Prostitution areas. The County established the County Sex Trafficking Task Force in 2012, and continues to take the lead in identifying and helping CSEC victims in the child welfare and probation systems. The new Federal requirements include the development and implementation of protocols for missing and runaway foster youth, the training of social workers and probation officers, and the identification of appropriate services for foster children who are victims or are at risk of being sexually exploited.

CWDA's budget proposal would provide: 1) \$16.2 million for services and support for counties to serve the needs of CSEC victims; and 2) \$3.5 million for ongoing training of social workers and probation staff to identify, screen, and to determine appropriate services for CSEC victims.

The County's Department of Children and Family Services indicates that this proposal will allow the Department to fulfill the mandates to serve sexually exploited children by increasing specialty beds, survivor services and advocacy, training, and staffing.

I urge your support of CSEC \$19.7 million budget proposal for FY 2016-17. Please contact me at (916) 441-7888, if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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Martha Guerrero
Legislative Representative

c: Each Member and Consultant,
Assembly Budget Subcommittee #1



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The Honorable Holly Mitchell, Chair
Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Subcommittee #3
State Capitol, Room 5080
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: Item: 5180: Child Welfare Services: \$19.7 Million Budget Proposal for
Commercially Sexually Exploited Children Program – Support
Set for Hearing April 21, 2016, in Senate Budget and Fiscal Review
Subcommittee #3**

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Senate Budget Subcommittee #3



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Susan von Zabern, Director

March 29, 2016

The Honorable Tony Thurmond, Chair
Assembly Budget Subcommittee No. 1
State Capitol, Room 6026
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Support to Children who are Commercially Sexually Exploited: \$19.7 million

Dear Assemblyman Thurmond:

The County of Riverside Department of Public Social Services (DPSS) urges your support to provide an additional \$19.7 million General Funds in fiscal year 2016-17 to protect and serve child victims of commercial sexual exploitation through California's child welfare services system. Commercial sexual exploitation of children (CSEC) is a national and statewide epidemic that deserves our highest attention. Additional support is needed to enable child welfare agencies to effectively meet new federal mandates and serve the needs of this unique population.

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The Honorable Jeff Stone, CA State Senate
County Welfare Directors Association of California

City and County of San Francisco**Human Services Agency**Department of Human Services
Department of Aging and Adult Services*Trent Rhorer, Executive Director**Edwin M. Lee, Mayor*

April 22, 2016

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Senate Budget Subcommittee No. 3
State Capitol, Room 5080
Sacramento, CA 95814**RE: Support to Children who are Commercially Sexually Exploited: \$19.7 million**

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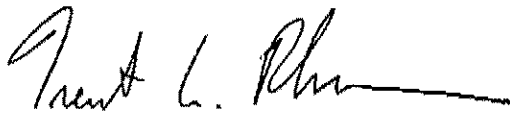
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April 25, 2016

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Assembly Budget Subcommittee No. 1
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For these reasons, we urge your support for the funding. Should you have any questions about our views on this legislation, please feel free to contact Connie Juarez-Diroll, Legislative Director (cjuarez-diroll@smcgov.org, 650-599-1341).

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Warren Slocum, President
Board of Supervisors

Cc: The Honorable Rob Bonta
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County of Santa Clara

Social Services Agency

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We greatly appreciate the Legislature's and Administration's investment of \$14 million in the

2015-16 budget year to begin to build capacity in local child welfare systems. An increase of \$19.7 million will enable our county to more effectively serve CSEC victims and ensure other counties can join in this important effort.

We thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

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Robert Menicocci
Social Services Agency Director
Santa Clara County

cc: The Honorable Bill Monning, CA State Senate
The Honorable Jeff Stone, CA State Senate
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DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

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March 17, 2016

The Honorable Holly Mitchell, Chair
Senate Budget Subcommittee No. 3
State Capitol, Room 5080
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Support to Children who are Commercially Sexually Exploited: \$19.7 million

Dear Senator Mitchell:

The San Luis Obispo County Department of Social Services urges your support to provide an additional \$19.7 million General Funds in Fiscal Year 2016-17 to protect and serve child victims of commercial sexual exploitation through California's child welfare services system. Commercial sexual exploitation of children (CSEC) is a national and statewide epidemic that deserves our highest attention, and additional support is needed to enable child welfare agencies to effectively meet new federal mandates and serve the needs of this unique population.

Our county child welfare agency has provided leadership both in the county and among our colleagues with our goal of better serving this population. We have found that CSEC victims suffer from horrific and severe forms of physical, emotional and sexual abuse that result in severe trauma to the victim. Effectively serving the CSEC population requires that services are delivered through a targeted and multi-disciplinary approach.

San Luis Obispo County has developed and implemented protocols that have led to the decriminalization of the child victims and the successful prosecution of those who have bought and sold children for sexual exploitation. We enjoy an enviably good working relationship with law enforcement, probation, the District Attorney and others in protecting children from abuse.

Still, additional resources are needed to implement our protocols and effectively serve youth. We particularly need additional help in securing appropriate placement and therapeutic care for these youth. These complex cases also require multi-disciplinary teams to meet frequently and quickly to leverage resources and coordinate services, and specially-trained social work staff in the child welfare agency to facilitate this process.

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Leland W. Collins, Director

cc: The Honorable Bill Monning, CA State Senate
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The Honorable Holly Mitchell, Chair
Senate Budget Subcommittee No. 3
State Capitol, Room 5080
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Support to Children who are Commercially Sexually Exploited: \$19.7 million

Dear Senator Mitchell:

The County of Sonoma Human Services Department urges your support to provide an additional \$19.7 million General Funds in fiscal year 2016-17 to protect and serve child victims of commercial sexual exploitation through California's child welfare services system. Commercial sexual exploitation of children (CSEC) is a national and statewide epidemic that deserves our highest attention. Additional support is needed to enable child welfare agencies to effectively meet new federal mandates and serve the needs of this unique population.

While our county child welfare agency has made strides to serve this population, we have found that CSEC victims suffer from horrific and severe forms of physical, emotional and sexual abuse. This results in severe trauma to the victim that requires intensive services to protect the victim from their perpetrators and help them in their long journey to recovery. Effectively serving the CSEC population requires that services are delivered through a targeted and multi-disciplinary approach.

In Sonoma County, we have a Human Trafficking Task Force with members from the district attorney's office, law enforcement, probation, education, human services, mental health, public health, local non-profits and others to leverage countywide resources to serve this population.

New federal and state mandates require child welfare agencies to develop and implement local protocols to identify foster youth who are victims of CSEC and link these youth to appropriate services. While our county has taken steps to begin to serve CSEC victims through the development of local interagency response protocols, additional resources are needed to implement our protocols and effectively serve youth. Once identified, victims need crisis stabilization and often have physical health needs that require immediate attention. They need safe housing with enhanced supervision and support to protect them from their perpetrator. Their perpetrators controlled everything and their victims often were left with nothing of their own, requiring

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We thank you for your attention to this important matter.

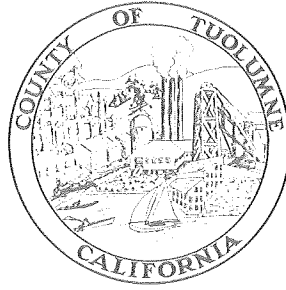
Sincerely,

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Jerald C. Dunn
Director

cc: The Honorable Holly Mitchell, Chair, CA State Senate
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The Honorable Holly Mitchell, Chair
Senate Budget Subcommittee No. 3
State Capitol, Room 5080
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Support to Children who are Commercially Sexually Exploited: \$19.7
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Dear Senator Mitchell:

The County of Tuolumne urges your support to provide an additional \$19.7 million General Funds in fiscal year 2016-17 to protect and serve child victims of commercial sexual exploitation through California's child welfare services system. Commercial sexual exploitation of children (CSEC) is a national and statewide epidemic that deserves our highest attention. Additional support is needed to enable child welfare agencies to effectively meet new federal mandates and serve the needs of this unique population.

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In our County, we have been reaching out to our partners in law enforcement, probation, education, mental health, public health, local domestic violence advocates, foster care licensing and others to leverage resources to serve this population. Our local District Attorney, victim witness management, child welfare social workers, probation staff, and foster parents have received training on human trafficking and are

building the necessary network to do the critical work in supporting and protecting impacted youth.

New federal and state mandates require child welfare agencies to develop and implement local protocols to identify foster youth who are victims of CSEC and link these youth to appropriate services. While our county has taken steps to begin to serve CSEC victims through early development of local interagency response protocols, additional resources are needed to implement our protocols and effectively serve youth. It is critical to train local relative and foster families, to identify risk indicators for youth in their care. Understanding the cycle of recovery from denial to acceptance is an area of need if we are to be successful in identifying and supporting these youth in recovery. Once identified, victims need crisis stabilization and often have physical health needs that require immediate attention. They need safe housing with enhanced supervision and support to protect them from their perpetrator. Their perpetrators controlled everything and their victims often were left with nothing of their own, requiring emergency clothing, toiletries, and basic living supplies. Some victims will be saved with their own young children who also need supports and services. These complex cases also require multi-disciplinary teams to meet frequently and quickly to leverage resources and coordinate services, and specially-trained social work staff in the child welfare agency to facilitate this process.

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Sincerely,



Karl Rodefer, Chairman
Tuolumne County Board of Supervisors

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I hereby certify that according to the provisions of Government Code Section 25103, delivery of this document has been made.

AVICIA L. JAMAR
Clerk of the Board

By: 



March 22, 2016

The Honorable Tony Thurmond, Chair
Assembly Budget Subcommittee No. 1
State Capitol, Room 6026
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Support to Children who are Commercially Sexually Exploited: \$19.7 million

Dear Assemblyman Thurmond:

As the Executive Director and CEO of WEAVE, I urge your support to provide an additional \$19.7 million General Funds in fiscal year 2016-17 to protect and serve child victims of commercial sexual exploitation through California's child welfare services system and their community partners. Commercial sexual exploitation of children (CSEC) is a national and statewide epidemic that deserves our highest attention. Additional support is needed to enable child welfare agencies and victim service providers to effectively meet new federal mandates and serve the needs of this unique population.

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In Sacramento County, we have been working closely with Child Protect Services, the CSEC Court, Probation, the District Attorney's Office, the Public Defender's Office, local law enforcement, UC Davis Medical Center and other local nonprofit organizations to leverage resources and create a multi-disciplinary approach that adopts best practices while constantly identifying and implementing opportunities to improve outcomes for this vulnerable population.

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