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Dear Board of Supervisors,

Thank you very much for considering additional funding for the Child Care Relief Fund. Footsteps@City Center Plaza received funding in the first round. This funding has been very helpful for our small child care center located at City Center Plaza in Redwood City. Before COVID-19 we were serving 24 preschoolers. Now we are only able to serve up to 13 children with 3 adults. The program is losing money and it is difficult for us to keep it in operation. The Child Care Relief funding was a great help to us and the families we serve. I know that many child care centers and family child care homes are struggling to remain open. Additional funding will assist these very important programs to stay open and allow parents to go to work or school. Our very young children need to be in a safe, educational and enriching environment being cared for by professional ECE staff members. Your continued funding will make a very difficult situation better for families and child care professionals in San Mateo County.

Thank you again for your support. You are doing the right thing for children and families in San Mateo County.

Regardless of party, voters overwhelmingly say high-quality, affordable child care for families with young children is an essential service—just like healthcare and education. There's no economic recovery without child care.

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