

RESOLUTION NO. .

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MANAGER'S EXECUTION OF THE
"BIG LIFT" MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING, INCLUDING A COMMITMENT
OF \$15 MILLION TO THE SAN MATEO COUNTY EARLY LEARNING AND CARE
TRUST FUND, AND APPROVING THE COMPREHENSIVE EXPENDITURE AND
PROGRAM PLAN**

RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, that

WHEREAS, in 2012, the Peninsula Partnership Leadership Council (PPLC) – a coalition of government, education, nonprofit, foundation and business leaders in San Mateo County – launched “the Big Lift” to significantly improve children’s third grade reading proficiency through strategic, thoughtful, evidence-based investments in early learning and education; and

WHEREAS, it is recognized that third grade reading proficiency is essential in promoting the life-long learning skills needed to create productive residents and a prosperous community because third grade is the year when students make the leap from “learning to read” to “reading to learn”; and

WHEREAS, the goal of the Big Lift is to increase the percentage of students in San Mateo County who are reading at grade level by the end of third grade from 57% to 80% by 2020.; and

WHEREAS, on June 18, 2013 the Board of Supervisors directed staff to appropriate \$5 million in FY 2013-14 and \$5 million in FY 2014-15 to be transferred to

the San Mateo County Early Learning and Care Trust Fund; and

WHEREAS, additional funds totaling \$5 million were appropriated in the adopted budgets for FY 2015-16 and FY 2016-17, for a total Measure A commitment to the Big Lift of \$15 million; and

WHEREAS, on February 25, 2014, the Board of Supervisors was presented with the Big Lift's comprehensive expenditure and program plan and, since February 2014, a memorandum of understanding between the Silicon Valley Community Foundation (SVCF), the San Mateo County Office of Education (COE), and the County has been negotiated and executed; the required matching funds have been obtained and/or pledged; and the comprehensive expenditure and program plan has been updated and is now recommended for this Board's approval by the SVCF and COE; and

WHEREAS, on September 1, 2015 the Board of Supervisors reviewed and approved the Big Lift Memorandum of Understanding; and

WHEREAS this Board has been presented with the comprehensive expenditure and program plan and has reviewed it as to both form and content, and desires to approve the same.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY DETERMINED AND ORDERED that the Board hereby authorizes and ratifies the San Mateo County Manager's execution of the Memorandum of Understanding between the County, the Silicon Valley Community Foundation and the San Mateo County Office of Education as previously presented to and approved by this Board, and further authorizes and approves the transfer of \$15 million in Measure A funds from the Measure A Trust Fund to the "San Mateo County

Early Learning and Care Trust Fund” upon the County’s confirmation of the required matching funds including the receipt of any pledged funds; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Manager is hereby authorized to execute amendments to the Memorandum of Understanding so long as such amendments do not increase the County’s maximum fiscal obligation as set forth herein; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board hereby approves said comprehensive expenditure and program plan.

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