

COMMISSION ON CHILD CARE

January 24, 2019

The Honorable Marc Elrich Montgomery County Executive 101 Monroe Street, 2nd floor Rockville, Maryland 20850

Dear Mr. Elrich:

On December 12, 2018, Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) and the Community Use of Public Facilities (CUPF) issued a joint statement on the Child Care in Public Space Re-bid process. This statement announced that the process for re-bids for the 2019-2020 school year has been temporarily suspended. The announcement also indicates that all re-bids are suspended until Executive Regulation 6-17AM is extended, revised or replaced. The announcement states that interested parties, including experts on school-age child care, will be working together on changes to the re-bid process.

The Commission on Child Care has a long history of involvement in the issue of child care in public space issues. The Commission proposed legislation, provided testimony and advised Council members and their staff related to the CUPF bidding process with recommendations to improve consistency and transparency. Given that the Commission on Child Care is comprised of parents, child care providers and business professionals who have a deep knowledge of and interest in child care in Montgomery County, *we respectfully request to be part of the review of Executive Regulation 6-17AM.*

Thank you for your time and we look forward to working with you on this important issue for children and families in Montgomery County.

Sincerely,

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c: Nancy Navarro, President, County Council Ramona Bell-Pearson, Director, Community Use of Public Facilities

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