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The Honorable Chuck Reed, Mayor
The Honorable Members of the San Jose City Council
200 East Santa Clara Street
San Jose, CA 95113

Dear Mayor Reed, Vice Mayor Nguyen, and Members of the City Council,

As you may know, I recently delivered my State of the County address, in which I called for a renewal of our collective commitment to providing medical and dental coverage to all children in need. To ensure that the Santa Clara Healthy Kids Program fulfills this promise over the next decade, we must renew the partnership between the City of San Jose and the County of Santa Clara that has historically supported this critical program.

As you know, the City of San Jose currently provides \$2.1 million to cover roughly 2,000 children annually, and Santa Clara County provides \$3 million to support approximately 3,000 children annually. I propose that the City of San Jose agree to fund the Healthy Kids program for the next three fiscal years, with the level of support diminishing in the second and third years of the agreement as follows: \$2 million for Fiscal Year 2013-14, \$1.5 million for Fiscal Year 2014-15, and \$500,000 for Fiscal Year 2015-16.

Should the City agree to such a proposal, I will request that the Board of Supervisors fund the balance of the cost of insurance premiums for San Jose children in each of the next three fiscal years, as well as the full cost of insurance premiums for the following seven years that Measure A sales tax revenues are available. In addition, the County would continue its annual \$3 million appropriation to Healthy Kids.

I look forward to discussing how we can move this proposal forward to continue our partnership on behalf of the children of our community. If your staff has any questions, they may contact my Chief of Staff John Mills at (408) 299-5040.

Sincerely,

Ken Yeager
President, Board of Supervisors
Supervisor, Fourth District

cc: Honorable Board of Supervisors
Dr. Jeffrey V. Smith, County Executive