

Subject: Input from Palo Alto CAC on proposed new Office of Disability Affairs

Dear Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors,

We are writing to express our support for the proposed new Office of Disability Affairs for Santa Clara County. We, the Palo Alto CAC, represent over 1000 families who have students with disabilities in PAUSD and Palo Alto.

We agree that the disability community is underserved county-wide, and it's needs are underrepresented. With over 20,000 people with disabilities in our county, we need a central office to develop and oversee best practices, policies, programs, and services that address the needs of this community.

We urge you to approve Supervisor Cindy Chavez's proposal to establish an Office of Disability Affairs to support this important and vulnerable constituency.

Sincerely,

Alison Guan, Christine Baker, Rika Yamamoto, Kimberly Eng Lee

Palo Alto CAC

A sub-committee of SELPA1 CAC.

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