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Board Matter

Appointment of the Head Start Program's Chief Financial Officer

Members of the Board,

In May I brought forward a Board Matter requesting approval of the appointment of an Interim Director for the County's Head Start and Early Head Start program and shared that recruitment for a new Chief Financial Officer for the program was underway. As the grantee of both federal grants, Head Start/Early Head Start and Early Head Start Child Care Partnership Grant, the Board of Supervisors serves as the governing body for the Head Start/Early Head Start program in partnership with the Head Start Policy Council. Federal Head Start Performance Standards require the governing body and Policy Council to approve key personnel appointments. This includes approval of both the Head Start Director and Chief Financial Officer positions.

I am pleased to share that Mr. David L. Walker, Jr. has been selected to serve as CFO. As Chairperson of the Board's Health and Human Services Committee and Board liaison to the Head Start Program, I would like to request the Board's consideration of the appointment of Mr. Walker to serve as the Head Start program's Chief Financial Officer.

Mr. Walker has worked as a Financial Manager with the State of Vermont in the Department of Vermont Health Access, and most recently has served as Grants Manager with Charleston

County Government, Community Development in South Carolina. Mr. Walker has extensive experience with federal financial reporting, subrecipient monitoring, audits and providing training on federal requirements and regulations. He has a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration with a concentration in management and a minor in statistics. His experience with managing federal grants and working with county and state government as well as his education make him a strong candidate for this position and meets the federal requirements of the Head Start Performance Standards.

As required by the Head Start Performance Standards, the Fairfax County Head Start Policy Council has approved the appointment of Mr. Walker.

Therefore, I move that the Board of Supervisors vote to approve the appointment of Mr. David L. Walker, Jr. as Fairfax County's Head Start Program Chief Financial Officer.