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**CASA**

1 message

**Susan Woodcock** <cadaddy@live.com>

Thu, Aug 13, 2015 at 6:49 PM

To: edc.cob@edcgov.us

I am a citizen of Eldorado county and I support the CASA program in our area. I feel it is very beneficial for foster care families and children. Please do not cut this program.

Thank you for listening to me.

Susan Woodcock

Pollock Pines, CA 95726

## Letter of Support for CASA El Dorado

Dear Board of Supervisors,

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Yours truly,

Lynn Pettibone

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Yours truly,  
Jill Barnes, Owner  
Cuppa Coffee & More!



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## BOS Meeting of 8/18

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**Charlotte Morgan** <morgan@internet49.com>

Fri, Aug 14, 2015 at 10:05 AM

To: edc.cob@edcgov.us

As I am unable to attend the BOS Meeting of 8/18/15 I am submitting a LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR CASA EL DORADO.

Thank you,

Charlotte Morgan

Placerville, CA 95667



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**Colleen Roatch** <colleenr.casa@yahoo.com>  
Reply-To: Colleen Roatch <colleenr.casa@yahoo.com>  
To: "edc.cob@edcgov.us" <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Fri, Aug 14, 2015 at 11:15 AM

Board of Supervisors,

Attached is a letter in support of CASA funding being put back into the budget. I too am very concerned about the plight of our foster children in our county. I will be attending the Board of Supervisors meeting on the 18th to give my support.

I recently retired from my job as a Program Coordinator for CASA due to health reasons. I still volunteer as a CASA and a Peer Coordinator, that is how much I believe and value the work that CASA does. Our Advocates do make a difference in these children's lives.

Take care,

*Colleen Roatch*  
Peer Coordinator/Child Advocates of El Dorado County  
(530) 391-1310 colleenr.casa@yahoo.com  
*Take a Stand. Make a Difference. Change a Child's Life...Forever.*

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