



**A RESOLUTION
TO SUPPORT 2017 BONDS
FOR CHARLOTTE-MECKLENBURG SCHOOLS**

WHEREAS, the Mecklenburg County Board of County Commissioners voted to put \$922 million in bonds for education facilities for Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools (CMS) to a referendum vote; and

WHEREAS, the Charlotte-Mecklenburg region continues to grow at a rapid pace; and

WHEREAS, CMS currently has capital needs that amount to \$2 billion; and

WHEREAS, four out of five schools in CMS are at or over capacity with nearly half of them being built more than 50 years ago; and

WHEREAS, the success of our economic development is tied directly to CMS; and

WHEREAS, the 2017 school bonds are imperative to help address population growth, to improve out-of-date facilities and to develop the talent needed for our workforce; and

WHEREAS, these investments in infrastructure are critical for sustainability of our communities and future of our kids;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Charlotte Chamber wholeheartedly endorses the \$922 million bond referendum for CMS which will appear on the ballot on November 7, 2017 and urges everyone to Vote Yes to Invest in our schools.

Adopted this 1st day of September, 2017

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andrea Smith".

Andrea Smith
Chamber Chairman

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bob Morgan".

Bob Morgan
President & CEO