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AGENDA: 5/25/10

May 18, 2010

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County of Santa Cruz
701 Ocean Street
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RE: 2010 CHILD CARE EXPANSION PRIORITY REPORT

Dear Members of the Board:

Pursuant to State law, the primary mission of Local Child Care Planning Councils (LPCs) is to identify local priorities for the distribution of new state child care and development and preschool funding. Locally, the Santa Cruz County Child Care Planning Council (CCPC) is comprised of 15 members appointed by the Board of Supervisors and 15 members appointed by the County Superintendent of Schools.

The Education Code specifies how LPCs are to conduct their work in order to identify priorities which will ensure that all the child care and preschool needs of the county are met to the greatest extent possible. Once the LPCs make their recommendations, they are submitted for approval by the Board of Supervisors and the County Office of Education, after which they are submitted to the State Department of Education.

The CCPC has completed their annual evaluation of child care needs in our community and has submitted their 2010 Child Care Expansion Priority Report for consideration by the Board. This report has already been reviewed and approved by the County Office of Education. As indicated in the report, the local priority rankings were developed using both criteria required by the State as well as First 5 Santa Cruz County's combined risk factor geo-map, which is more relevant to our local community. Using this data, priorities were altered to reflect the true need in each zip code area. As you will note, each Supervisorial district includes at least one zip code with a Priority 1 ranking.

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I believe that the CCPC has undertaken a thorough process to ensure that funding priorities are based on local needs. Accordingly, I recommend that the Board take the following actions:

1. Approve the 2010 Child Care Expansion Priority Report prepared by the Santa Cruz County Child Care Planning Council.
2. Authorize the Chairperson of the Board to sign the associated Local Planning Council County Priorities Report Form, as required by the State Department of Education, for submission to the State by the Santa Cruz County Child Care Planning Council.

Sincerely,



TONY CAMPOS, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors

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Attachments

cc: Diane Oyler, Coordinator, Santa Cruz County Child Care
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