



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
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Santa Barbara, CA 93101  
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Department Name:

Department No.:

For Agenda Of: September 18, 2007

Placement: Administrative Agenda

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Continued Item: No

If Yes, date from:

Vote Required: Yes

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**TO:** Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Joni Gray, Supervisor, 4th District  
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**SUBJECT:** Approval of Child Care Planning Council documents

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**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: N/A

**Other Concurrence:**

As to form: N/A

**Recommended Actions:**

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve the Santa Barbara County Child Care Planning Council By-Laws, revised August 2007 (Attachment A).
2. Approve the Priorities for Subsidized Child Development Program Funding, Santa Barbara County, to be submitted by the Santa Barbara County Child Care Planning Council to the California Department of Education (Attachment C).

**Summary Text:**

**Recommendation 1: Santa Barbara County Child Care Planning Council By-Laws, revised August 2007**

In 2006, a working group of the Santa Barbara County Child Care Planning Council ("the Council") undertook a review of the Council By-Laws that were adopted by the Council, July 11, 2001 and approved by the Board of Supervisors, September 14, 2001. The By-Laws adopted in 2001 have been revised to better align with current operation and activity of the Council. The review and revision of the By-Laws included ongoing input from Council members and County Counsel. The Council approved the revised By-Laws (see Attachment A) at the Council meeting, August 8, 2007.

The California Department of Education requires the approval of the Child Care Planning Council By-Laws by an authorized representative of your Board and by the Superintendent of Schools. William J. Cirone, County Superintendent of Schools, has indicated his approval of the revised By-Laws by signing

the Local Child Care Planning Council By-Laws Report Form to be sent to the California Department of Education (see Attachment B). The approval of the revised By-Laws by your Board, as signified by the signature of the Chair on the California Department of Education County By-Laws Report Form, is now requested.

### Recommendation 2: Priorities for Subsidized Child Development Program Funding

Among the statutory mandates for the Council is the obligation to determine priority areas for child care and development programs in the county. Education Code Section 8499.5(b)(6) requires Child Care Planning Councils to conduct periodic reviews of need for, and supply of, child care and development programs funded by the California Department of Education (CDE). The Santa Barbara County Child Care Planning Council reviews the Priorities every year and presents them to the Board of Supervisors and the County Superintendent of Schools for approval if they are changed.

In August 2007, at the request of CDE, Council reviewed the established Priorities and current data of need for, and supply of, child care programs funded by the California Department of Education. Data from multiple sources were used in reviewing and establishing new priorities. The sources included estimates of numbers of children based on kindergarten enrollment, estimated numbers of children eligible for state funded child development programs based on percentages of children eligible for free or reduced-fee school lunches, Academic Performance Index scores of elementary schools, and supply of state and federal subsidized child care and development spaces. Data gathered were used to determine the Priorities identified in Attachment C.

The California Department of Education requires the approval of the County Priorities of an authorized representative of your Board and by the Superintendent of Schools. William J. Cirone, County Superintendent of Schools, has indicated his approval of the County Priorities by signing the County Priorities Report Form to be sent to the California Department of Education (see Attachment D). The approval of the County Priorities by your Board, as signified by the signature of the Chair on the California Department of Education County Priorities Report Form, is now requested.

### **Background:**

Santa Barbara County's original Child Care Planning Council was formed by the Board of Supervisors and the County Superintendent of Schools in 1990 as a result of the 1990 Federal Omnibus Budget Act. The role of the Council was to develop a local plan and priorities for distribution of the new Federal Child Care Block Grant funds. For its first few years, financial support for the Council's activities was provided entirely through in-kind services donated by the County Office of Education and Council members. Since 1994 the Council has received annual grants from the California Department of Education. Funds provided to the Council are administered by the Santa Barbara County Education Office.

Since the inception of the Council, members have worked to coordinate and plan the delivery of child care services in Santa Barbara County, serve as liaison between the State Department of Education, Child Development Division and the local community, and provide support and training to the Early Childhood Education Community.

Pursuant to the Statutes of 1997, AB 1542, which established California’s welfare reform program (CalWORKs), a local Child Care Planning Council must be established in each county (Education Code Chapter 2.3, Sections 8499.3 and 8499). On April 28, 1998, your Board (in conjunction with the Office of the County Superintendent of Schools, which has joint authority over the Council) amended the functions, governance, structure, membership and bylaws of the existing Council to conform to the requirements of welfare reform as defined by AB 1542.

**Performance Measure:** N/A

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:** None to County Government

Budgeted: 0

**Fiscal Analysis:**

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>Current FY Cost:</u>	<u>Annualized On-going Cost:</u>	<u>Total One-Time Project Cost</u>
General Fund			
State			
Federal			
Fees			
Other:			
Total	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

Narrative:

**Staffing Impacts:**

**Legal Positions:**

**FTEs:**

Local Child Care Planning Councils are mandated by Education Code Chapter 2.3, Sections 8499.3 and 8499. This action does not change County programs or service levels.

**Special Instructions:**

After approval and passage by the Board, please prepare the following documents:

1. two (2) certified copies of the Minute Order
2. two (2) original signed “County Priorities Report Form”

Please notify the Child Care Planning Council at (805) 964-4710 ext. 4473 when the documents are ready.

**Attachments:**

- A. Santa Barbara County Child Care Planning Council By-Laws, revised August 2007 (Attachment A)

- B.* Local Child Care Planning Council By-Laws Report Form (Attachment B)
- C.* Priorities for Subsidized Child Development Program Funding, Santa Barbara County (Attachment C)
- D.* Priorities for Subsidized Child Development Program Funding, Santa Barbara County Report Form (Attachment D)

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**cc:**