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Sarah Mayer Public Comment - Group 1

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**From:** Michelle Martinez <michellemartinez1981@outlook.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 25, 2024 7:28 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** comment for May 7 meeting

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Esteemed Santa Barbara County Officials,

As a dedicated childcare provider, I am writing to express my hopeful anticipation for increased support and resources for daycare businesses in our community.

The challenges we face, from the need for updated technology to the struggle of hiring assistants, are immense. It is crucial that our county supervisors allocate funds towards small business daycare owners and invest in modern technology to streamline operations, benefitting both providers and parents. Your support in this endeavor not only ensures the success of childcare businesses but also contributes to the stability and growth of our local economy.

I implore you to recognize the importance of childcare and take action to support providers like myself.

Sincerely,  
Michelle Martinez

## Sarah Mayer

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**From:** Daniella Miller <danmill1973@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 25, 2024 9:12 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
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To whom it may concern:

It is clear that there is a critical lack of resources available for childcare providers, and therefore families, in our county.

When the success of children is neglected, the state of the community in which those children live will suffer.

I am a dedicated childcare provider in Santa Barbara County and I speak from experience. I am deeply concerned about the challenges faced by both daycare owners and families due to this shortage of support. This lack of support not only impacts the well-being of our children but also contributes to financial strain on working families.

Our county really needs to look at prioritizing support for the childcare sector, ASAP.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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Dani Miller

**Sarah Mayer**

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**From:** Roberta Johnson <roblewisjohnson@outlook.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 26, 2024 12:37 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** comment for childcare

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To the Santa Barbara County Leadership,

Running a daycare business has become increasingly challenging, and I find myself feeling frustrated and overwhelmed. The lack of resources and support from the county puts us in a dire situation where we struggle to keep our businesses afloat. I had to turn down families because I couldn't hire an assistant to help with the demand. Without updated technology and adequate funding, my daycare is on the verge of closing, which breaks my heart. Please, recognize the urgency of our situation and provide the support we need to continue serving our community.

Regards,  
Roberta L. Johnson

**Sarah Mayer**

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**From:** Angelica Torres <angiemtorr2005@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 28, 2024 6:02 PM  
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Dear Santa Barbara County Officials,

As a parent of two young children, I'm concerned about the challenges I face in accessing quality childcare in our community.

The high cost of care and the struggle to find reliable providers add unneeded stress to our daily lives.

It's difficult to juggle job stability and childcare stability, especially as a single mother.

Investing in childcare is not just about supporting families, it's about investing in the future of our community.

I urge you to support initiatives that are in favor of childcare needs to alleviate the financial burden on families like mine.

Sincerely,  
Angelica Torres