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From: Laura Capps <laura@lauracapps.com>
Sent: Saturday, October 16, 2021 2:15 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Childcare

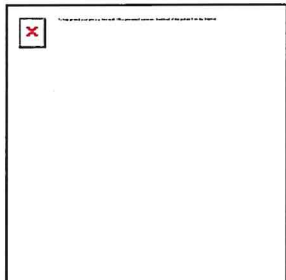


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Dear Board of Supervisors. Thank you for your work during the pandemic on such important issues. I am so glad you will be discussing childcare and encourage you to vote to allocate \$2 million of ARPA funds towards childcare relief and recovery. I see how a lack of good childcare has long lasting impacts on a child's life well into high school.

This podcast is so informative; I've shared with my colleagues on the school board and others. [Is Child Care a Public Responsibility? - The New York Times \(nytimes.com\)](#)

Thank you so much,
Laura Capps



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From: Nicki Parr <nparr@wevonline.org>
Sent: Sunday, October 17, 2021 10:34 AM
To: sbcob
Subject: WEV Letter of Support for Emergency Childcare Initiative (10/19/21 agenda)
Attachments: WEV support for ECCI 101721.pdf

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Please see attached Letter of Support from WEV's CEO, Kathy Odell, submitted for consideration as part of the Emergency Childcare Initiative presentation to the Board of Supervisors on Tuesday 19th October.

Thank you,
Nicki Parr



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October 15, 2021

To Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors:

Letter of Support: Emergency Childcare Initiative

I am writing to offer WEV's endorsement and support of the Emergency Childcare Initiative which focuses upon meaningful solutions to support local childcare providers economically impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic.

I am the CEO of Women's Economic Ventures (WEV), a local non-profit organization dedicated to creating an equitable and just society through the economic empowerment of women. WEV is a business resource network for anyone looking to start a business, grow a business, or improve their business skills. We provide small business training, advisory services, financial literacy programs and small business loans in Santa Barbara and Ventura counties.

I believe that the economic recovery of our local community is intrinsically connected to the availability of quality, affordable childcare. Without this resource, working parents are constrained in the economic opportunities available to them to support their families, and a lack of affordable childcare perpetuates the barriers to economic empowerment for women and minorities. Additionally, without adequate childcare for working parents, local businesses are not able to source the workers they need to themselves recover from the financial impact of the pandemic.

In supporting the ability of existing childcare providers to stay open and well-resourced with grants and other recovery efforts, the entire community benefits. WEV has already committed to providing specific business training in English and Spanish to childcare providers through an initiative with the City of Santa Barbara Public Library. The availability of recovery grants and other relief efforts targeted to this critical population of service providers will bring necessary economic relief to those in need, as well as provide a tangible demonstration of the County's commitment to bolstering childcare services in our community.

Sincerely,

Kathy Odell
CEO, Women's Economic Ventures

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From: Stephanie Gleiberman <steph.gleiberman@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 18, 2021 1:12 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: I urge you to vote to allocate \$2 million of ARPA funds towards childcare relief and recovery

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Hi,

My name is Stephanie Gleiberman, from Santa Barbara 93111.

I am a single working mother of two young boys. I have worked for Cottage hospital for over 7 years, first as a clinical inpatient pharmacist and now as a clinical informatics pharmacist. I'm responsible for the safe configuration medications and medication order sets, and during COVID we were exceptionally busy because the drugs used to treat COVID 19 were novel, and clinical recommendations were rapidly evolving. My work helps ensure the safe and efficient treatment of patients, and I was able to continue to work during the pandemic due to the emergency childcare I received through programs funded by initiatives like this.

Thank you for your consideration,

Stephanie Gleiberman

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From: Glenn Morris <glenn@santamaria.com>
Sent: Monday, October 18, 2021 2:21 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Public Comment: Item D3 (10-19-21)
Attachments: ECCI SBC ARPA Recommendation - Support.pdf

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Please share the attached as part of the public record on this item.

Glenn Morris, ACE
President & CEO



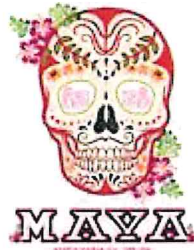
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Need resources to re-open your business and start your recovery process? Click <http://santamaria.com/COVID19-Recovery> for the most current resources!

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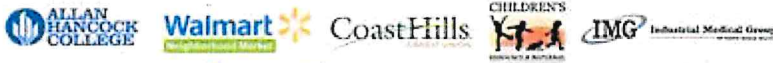
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Ladies and Gentlemen:

The Santa Maria Valley Chamber of Commerce represents businesses of all sizes and industries in the Santa Maria Valley and across Northern Santa Barbara County. As a champion for these businesses and the communities they serve, we seek to identify and bring resources to solving issues that become impediments to their growth and vitality. While the COVID-pandemic has highlighted and exacerbated many challenges, in reality issues like child care capacity and quality have been with us for many years.

Our businesses cannot recover without strong child care, and our local child care system, stressed by the pandemic, needs our support. The Chamber supports the Emergency Child Care Initiative's effort to Rebuild Santa Barbara County's Economy by Investing ARPA Funds in Child Care. We recognize this investment will not, by itself, solve the issue or immediately add significant new capacity. It will, however, help ensure the problem doesn't get worse, while also increasing the engagement of individual child-care providers with support systems which can improve the quality of their operations and prepare them for potential expansion.

Child care is a key element of the infrastructure needed for business and community success and, due to the pandemic, an already fragile child care system, has been further stressed. Children experienced learning loss and trauma and need appropriate services, screenings, and support. Parents struggled to work while caring for their children during the pandemic and need to know that their children are in a safe, stable, high-quality, and equitable environment so they can work. For our businesses and economy to recover, schools and child care must be available.

Finally, it is worth noting that child care providers are themselves businesses and, in many cases, employers. They deserve the same degree of support and attention that has been, appropriately, brought to bear for other key industry sectors. This investment, particularly the relief portion, will provide important short-term assistance that can be the difference in making sure these businesses continue and that the service they provide to families and other businesses continues.

The Santa Maria Valley Chamber encourages the County to accept the recommendations of the Emergency Child Care Initiative and invest critical child care spaces and infrastructure across the county with American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 funds.

Sincerely,

Glenn D Morris, ACE
President & CEO