

Public Comment - Group 2

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From: Kaleigh Williams <kinderkirkdirector@gmail.com>  
Sent: Tuesday, June 1, 2021 9:59 AM  
To: sbcob  
Subject: Childcare funding from CARPA



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Dear Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors:

As the Center Director of a small non-profit preschool in Carpinteria, Ca, I urge you to spend some of the funding from the Coronavirus American Rescue Plan Act, for childcare recovery.

We need your leadership to create a solid infrastructure that embeds childcare into the emergency response system. As we saw throughout the pandemic, childcare was needed, so that families, women mainly, could continue to go to work to provide other essential services. Without childcare, many people (again overwhelmingly women, and over 75% women of color) were forced to quit their jobs to stay home and take care of their children, as well as take over their child's education.

Many families are struggling to get back to work, due to the (now higher) cost of childcare, and/or the low availability of centers that are open and can accommodate a family's work schedule.

Spending additional funding from the Coronavirus American Rescue Plan Act, to support for private childcare providers, who have received little in support through the pandemic, will have a huge, positive impact on the families of Santa Barbara. As providers, we have had to increase our tuition rates in order to accommodate the additional staffing, equipment, and cleaning equipment required, to keep our staff and the children we care for, healthy and safe.

Please help us, your essential childcare workers. Help us, help those of this county...by being able to provide care, affordable rates, and a healthy and safe environment worthy of our most valuable assets.....our children!

Sincerely,

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**Subject:** Coronavirus American Rescue Plan Act

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To Whom It May Concern at the County of Santa Barbara,  
Please consider providing some of the Coronavirus American Rescue Plan Act funding for child care recovery. Creating a solid infrastructure that embeds child care into the emergency response system, and direct support for private child care providers, who have received little support through the pandemic is essential if we are going to meet Santa Barbara County's child care demands.

It has been very hard to secure PPP loans and other means of support that would cover emergency costs, preschool payroll, and Covid supplies during this pandemic. Please help us to:

- strengthen and build back capacity so that families needing child care can get back to work
- strengthen emergency response communications, coordinate, and support, our programs using what happened during the pandemic as a guide
- Temper the amount of fear and unknowns for staff and parents that had to be researched to stay open during the pandemic.

Thank you for your consideration,  
Michele

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*"Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire." Yeats*

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**From:** Andy Caldwell <andy@colabsbc.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 1, 2021 12:12 PM  
**To:** Hartmann, Joan; Hart, Gregg; Lavagnino, Steve; Nelson, Bob; Williams, Das  
**Cc:** sbcob  
**Subject:** COLAB Comment BOS 6/1/2021 Agenda Items D-1 and D-2

**Importance:** High

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Dear Supervisors,

I trust you will allow for some "late" comments on today's agenda considering the fact the meeting wasn't noticed until late Friday of a three day weekend.

D-1 Your board has suddenly found yourselves flush with tens of millions of dollars, from the federal covid bailout (with restrictions and deadlines as to spending) and marijuana proceeds (no apparent restrictions).

1. We would urge your board to pay down your debts and deficits as your first priority to the maximum extent feasible. As you are all well aware, you have over \$400 million in infrastructure debt.
2. With respect to the consideration of spending another \$7 million on the homeless, we would ask that you postpone that decision until you can fully assess how much you are already spending along with the federal, state and the cities in your jurisdiction. This has to do with our hope that somebody someone will figure out that continuously throwing more money at a problem, in perpetuity, as it seems, is not working.
3. The County should consider parking as much of this money in a interest bearing account and use the interest only to fund on going needs. We expect some serious inflation coming our way.

D-2 Reducing the holding capacity of the South County Jail

We will defer to our ELECTED Sheriff Bill Brown on this matter. That is, without the undue pressure from certain board members and our public defender who are all in with respect to the decarceration movement.

Specifically, we don't believe in this day and age you can have too much jail space in CA, especially in light of the fact that our erstwhile governor is planning on releasing another 70,000 state prisoners including 20,000 lifers!

Moreover, we refuse to fall for the trick that serious crime rates are down. They are only down because California redefined what constitutes a serious crime. People are getting gunned down on a nearly weekly basis in the North County. Merchants have quit reporting crimes and our law enforcement personnel have ceased to report in a similar manner because they know nothing will come of their efforts.

Reducing the size of the jail will only exacerbate these trends.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments.

Andy Caldwell  
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