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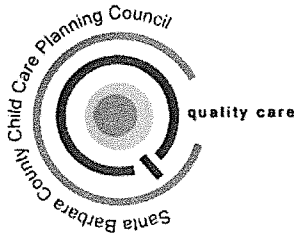
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Hello – attached please find comments from the Santa Barbara County Child Care Planning Council regarding Agenda Item #4 for the November 29, 2022 BOS agenda.

Best,
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RE: Childcare Facilities and Minor Ordinance Amendments

Dear Supervisors,

On behalf of the Santa Barbara County Child Care Planning Council Facilities Committee, thank you for prioritizing child care this past year by addressing the most critical updates needed in the County ordinances. We are grateful to Corina Venegas for her inclusive approach and thoughtful work on the policies. And we are proud of the support the Board of Supervisors has demonstrated for child care, and would like to give special thanks to Supervisor Hart as he takes his advocacy to the state level.

High-quality child care is essential to families and to vibrant economic development, yet operators of potential new child care facilities face numerous barriers to opening new programs to meet community needs, including land use and permitting regulations and processes that unintentionally restrict child care facility development. We are confident that the proposed amendments will be successful and will showcase the unique and powerful role governments have in ensuring that their communities have the child care needed by families.

We look forward to continuing to work with the County on the next layer of policies that can guide planning for child care across the County and incentivize its development.

Sincerely,
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