



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: Fifth District
Department No.:
For Agenda Of: December 2, 2014
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Yes

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Steve Lavagnino, Supervisor, 5th District
Contact Info: Becky Grant, Administrative Assistant, 346-8400
SUBJECT: Approval of Child Care Planning Council Membership

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Jerry Czuleger

Other Concurrence:

As to form: N/A

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a. Approve the 2014-2015, membership of the Santa Barbara County Child Care Planning Council, as shown in Attachment A, "Certification Statement Regarding Composition of LPC Membership July 2014 – June 2015."
- b. Determine this Board action is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act in compliance with Section 15061 (b), (3), (No possibility of impact on the environment).

Summary Text:

Membership of the Child Care Planning Council

The membership of the Council is prescribed by law, and must be comprised of 20% consumers (i.e., parents/guardians of children currently or formerly in child care), 20% child care providers or representatives, 20% public agency representatives, 20% community representatives or agencies who advocate for child care, and 20% discretionary appointees. However, when a previously existing Council is designated by the Superintendent of Schools and the Board of Supervisors to act as the local Child Care Planning Council (as occurred in Santa Barbara County) the membership may vary from these prescribed percentages so long as the Council "can achieve the representation set forth" in the statute [Education Code Section 8499.3 (e)]. The Council continues to seek a balance in the five categories of membership defined by law, while also seeking to add members from under-represented populations in the county.

The California Department of Education requires that the County Education Office and the Board of Supervisors formally approve the membership of the Council. This approval is accomplished through signature by the County Superintendent of Schools and the Chair of the Board of Supervisors on a form entitled “**Certification Statement Regarding Composition of LPC Membership July 2014 – 2015**” (See Attachment A: “Certification Statement”). The current membership of the Council, as last approved by vote of the Council at its meeting of September 10, 2014, is shown on the attached Certification Statement. County Assistant Superintendent of Schools, Jan Clevenger, has signed the Certification Statement giving her approval of the membership list. The signature of the Chair of the Board of Supervisors is now requested.

Background:

Santa Barbara County’s original Child Care Planning Council (“the 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:

The recommendation is primarily aligned with Goal No. 7: “A community that fosters the safety and well-being of families and children.”

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

None to County Government.

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:

None to County Government.

Legal Positions:

FTEs:

Special Instructions:

After approval and passage by the Board, please prepare the following documents for the Child Care Planning Council:

1. Two (2) certified copies of the Minute Order
2. Two (2) original signed "Certification Statement Regarding Composition of LPC Membership July 2014 - 2015" (Attachment A)

When copies are ready, please mail to:

Santa Barbara County Child Care Planning Council
Santa Barbara County Education Office
P. O. Box 6307
Santa Barbara, CA 93160-6307

Attachments:

- A. Certification Statement Regarding Composition of LPC Membership July 2014-June 2015.
(Attachment A)

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