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AGENDA: 5/4/99

April 29, 1999

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
County of Santa Cruz
701 Ocean Street
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

RE: EXPANSION OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES FIRST COMMISSION

Dear Members of the Board:

As you know, the County Children and Families First Commission, created under the auspices of Proposition 10, has been formed and has begun meeting. I have been elected Chair of the Commission. Attendance at our first two meetings has been quite large and well-informed. We are about to commence the strategic planning process required under the Initiative, but it has become clear that this process should involve the widest array of expertise that we can make available to ourselves, and the Commission has voted unanimously to request that the Board of Supervisors expand the Commission to the full size authorized under the terms of the Initiative.

Specifically, the Commission requests that the ordinance creating the Commission be amended on an urgency basis to provide that the County Commission shall consist of nine members, with four members appointed on an at-large basis and five members appointed on an allocated basis, with each Supervisor nominating one member. Making nominations on an allocated basis will help ensure that the Commission membership fairly represents the geographic diversity of our County.

Two current at-large members are the County representatives provided for in Health and Safety Code Section 130140(a)(1)(A)(i), which positions are presently filled by Charles Moody representing "public health services" and Cecilia Espinola representing "social services." One current at-large

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member is myself as the one required member of the Board of Supervisors pursuant to Section 130140(a)(1)(A)(ii). In addition to these three at-large appointments, there are currently two at-large appointees who were selected from among the following categories, each of which is enumerated in Health and Safety Code Section 130140(a)(1)(iii) :

1. Recipients of project services included in the County Strategic Plan;
2. Educators specializing in early childhood development;
3. Representatives of a local child care resource or referral agency, or a local child care coordinating group;
4. Representatives of a local organization for prevention or early intervention for families at risk;
5. Representatives of community-based organizations that have the goal of promoting nurturing and early childhood developments;
6. Representatives of local school districts; and
7. Representatives of local medical, pediatric or obstetric associations or societies.

The two appointed at-large members are Mary Hammer and Diane Siri. If the Board approves these changes, I would designate Mary Hammer as my own nominee for serving on the Commission, the result of which would leave one at-large position on the Commission (which would continue to be filled by Diane Siri) in addition to the three County positions.

The five individuals nominated by members of the Board would be selected from the categories set forth above, and as established in Section 130140(a)(1)(iii). The Commission would also request that in making appointments to these positions that the Board seek to achieve a culturally-diverse representation on the Commission, and through the appointment process insure that there is only one appointee in any category.

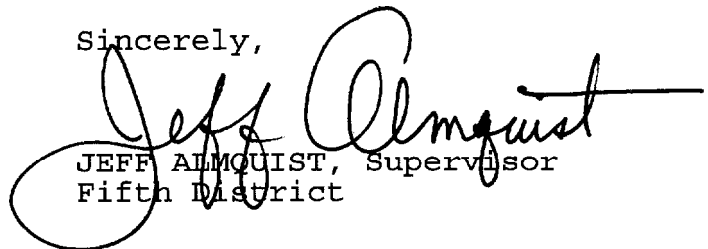
In order to make all of the terms of Commission members consistent, the proposed ordinance revision would have all members serve one year terms, subject to reappointment by the Board.

The Commission is off to a marvelous start. We have begun to outline a significant work plan that will result in our ability to develop a thoughtful strategic plan based on significant community input, and believe that the Commission will make a demonstrable difference in the lives of young children in this County.

Therefore, I recommend that the Board take the following actions:

1. Adopt the attached ordinance amending Chapter 2.45, on an urgency basis, to provide for increasing the size of the Children and Families First Commission and changing the terms of office.
2. Appoint Mary Hammer as the representative of the Fifth District, in the category of "representative of a local organization for prevention or early intervention for families at risk."
3. Direct the Clerk of the Board to post the four remaining positions on the Children and Families First Commission, to be appointed by the remaining members of the Board as soon as possible, with Board members taking into account the request of the Commission that the appointments promote the cultural diversity of our County population and that only one person be appointed within any one category of representation provided for.

Sincerely,



JEFF ALMQUIST, Supervisor
Fifth District

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cc: Members, Children and Families First Commission
County Counsel

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ORDINANCE NO. __

**URGENCY ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 2.45.030
AND 2.45.040 OF THE SANTA CRUZ COUNTY CODE BY
REVISING THE MEMBERSHIP COMPOSITION AND TERMS
OF THE CHILDREN AND FAMILIES FIRST COMMISSION**

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Cruz ordains as follows:

SECTION I

Section 2.45.030 of the Santa Cruz County Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

2.45030 Membership.

A. The Commission shall consist of ~~five~~ nine members, who shall be residents of the County, ~~appointed on an at-large basis by the Board of Supervisors,~~ nominated on an at-large basis, and five members shall be nominated on an allocated basis with each member of the Board of Supervisors nominating one member.

B. The ~~five voting~~ four at-large nominees members shall include:

1. One member of the Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors,
2. Two members selected from among the following:
 - a. The County Health Officer;
 - b. A County employee responsible for the management of children's services;
 - c. A County employee responsible for the management of public health services;
 - d. A County employee responsible for the management of behavioral health services
 - e. A County employee responsible for the management of tobacco and other substance abuse prevention and treatment services.

- f. A County employee responsible for the management of social services.
3. ~~Two~~ **One** members selected from among the following:
- a. Those persons described in subsection B.2.;
 - b. Those recipients of project services included in the County's Strategic Plan;
 - c. Educators specializing in early childhood development;
 - d. Representatives of a local child care resource or referral agency;
 - e. A local child care coordinating group;
 - f. Representatives of a local organization for prevention or early intervention for families at risk;
 - g. Representatives of community-based organizations that have the goal of promoting nurturing and early childhood development;
 - h. Representatives of local school districts;
 - i. Representatives of local medical, pediatric, or obstetric associations or societies.

~~C~~ The five members nominated by members of the Board of Supervisors shall be selected from those categories established by subsection B.3

~~C D.~~ Commissioners shall be appointed by a majority vote of the Board of Supervisors. Any at-large commission member may be removed from office by a majority vote of the Board of Supervisors favoring such removal. A Commission member nominated by a member of the Board of Supervisors may be removed by the nominating Supervisor at any time.

~~D E.~~ Commissioners may receive a reasonable per diem payment for attending Commission meetings at rates established by the Board of Supervisors. Commission members may also receive reimbursement for their actual expenses incurred in attending Commission-

related functions at such rates as are payable to Santa Cruz County employees.

SECTION II

Section 2.45.040 of the Santa Cruz County Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

2.45.040 Term of office.

~~Each at-large member shall serve for a term of two years, except for the member of the Board of Supervisors who shall serve a term of one year commencing on April 1st. The terms of the members other than the County Supervisor shall be staggered with two members serving terms commencing on April 1st of even-numbered years, and the other two members serving terms commencing on April 1st of odd-numbered years, with such staggering determined by lot. At the conclusion of a term, a member may be appointed to a new term.~~

SECTION III

This ordinance shall take effect immediately for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety. The facts constituting the urgency are that a delay in the seating of new members of the Commission also results in a delay in the development of a County Strategic Plan, a necessary prerequisite for the funding of critically needed early childhood development programs and services.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this ____ day of, 1999, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Cruz by the following vote:

AYES: SUPERVISORS
NOES: SUPERVISORS
ABSENT: SUPERVISORS
ABSTAIN: SUPERVISORS

Chairperson of the
Board of Supervisors

Attest: _____
Clerk of the Board

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


RAHN GARCIA, Assistant County Counsel