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AGENDA: 10/24/00

October 17, 2000

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

RE: NAME CHANGE FOR THE SANTA CRUZ
COUNTY CHILDREN'S COMMISSION

Dear Members of the Board:

Attached is a letter from Jim Marshall, Coordinator for the County Children's Commission, conveying the Commission's request that the Board approve a change in the Commission's name to the Santa Cruz County Children and Youth Commission. As noted by Mr. Marshall, Commissioners believe that this name change will more accurately reflect the range of issues addressed by the Commission, and I concur with their request.

Accordingly, I recommend that the Board direct the County Counsel to return, on or before December 5, 2000, with an ordinance amending County Code Chapter 2.44 to rename the Santa Cruz County Children's Commission as the Santa Cruz County Children and Youth Commission.

Sincerely,

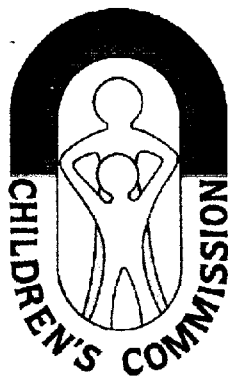
MARDI WORMHOUDT, Chair
Board of Supervisors

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Attachment

cc: Children's Commission
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COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ
701 Ocean Street
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CHILDREN'S COMMISSION
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October 10, 2000

Board of Supervisors
701 Ocean Street
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

Members of the Board,

The purpose of this letter is to bring a recommendation to your Board to change the name of the Santa Cruz County Children's Commission. During this year's Commission Retreat Commissioners discussed strategies to increase youth participation in children and youth issues. A suggestion came forward to change the name of the Children's Commission to the Santa Cruz County Children and Youth Commission.

This idea was well received by the full Commission. Staff noted that there has been some confusion about the difference between the Children's Commission and the recently established Children and Families Commission which is mandated to oversee the Proposition 10 tobacco tax funding. Commissioners agreed that the proposed name change may identify the stated role of the Commission to advise your Board on issues relating to children, youth and families. As a child and youth advocacy commission, the new name of Santa Cruz County Children and Youth Commission clearly indicates that youth have a voice in children, **youth** and **family** issues.

During the regular September meeting, the full Commission voted unanimously to bring forward this proposal to change the name of the Children's Commission to the Santa Cruz County Children and Youth Commission.

It is therefore recommended that the Board of Supervisors;

- 1) approve the recommendation to change the name of the Santa Cruz County Children's Commission to the Santa Cruz County Children and Youth Commission and
- 2) direct the County Counsel to return on or before December 5, 2000, **with** the necessary revisions to the Children's Commission ordinance.

Sincerely,

Jim Marshall
Children's Commission Coordinator