

SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA



FROM: Supervisor Tavaglione

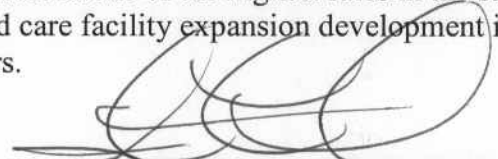
SUBMITTAL DATE: September 14, 2004

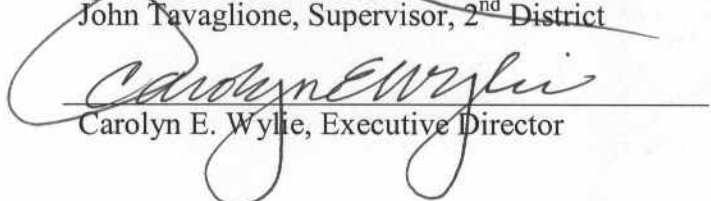
SUBJECT: Endorsing and Supporting the Riverside County Children and Families Commission, in the Affordable Building for Children's Development (AbCd) Facilities Blueprint Task Force Activities

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors take the following actions:
Endorse and support the Riverside County Children and Families Commission (aka First 5 Riverside) actions on the AbCd Facilities Blueprint Task Force regarding the "Preschool For All Initiative" as a first step toward expanding early childhood education and care programs.

BACKGROUND: The Riverside County Children and Families Commission was established by this Board in the adoption of Ordinance 784, enacted on January 22, 1999. The Commission implements the provisions of Proposition 10, which mandated early childhood programs funded from revenue on tobacco products.

The Riverside County Children and Families Commission adopted the concept of providing a "Preschool For All" program in March of 2004. Given Riverside County's position as 56th of the 58 counties in availability of child care spaces while growth continues at one of the highest rates in the state, the Commission is focusing on the urgent need for child care facility expansion development in preparation for offering Preschool For All to pre-kindergarteners.



John Tavaglione, Supervisor, 2nd District


Carolyn E. Wylie, Executive Director

FINANCIAL DATA:

CURRENT YEAR COST:	\$ N/A	ANNUAL COST:	\$ N/A
NET COUNTY COST:	\$ N/A	IN CURRENT YEAR BUDGET:	\$ N/A
		BUDGET ADJUSTMENT:	\$ N/A FY: N/A

SOURCE OF FUNDS: N/A

Department Recommendation: Policy Policy
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Background: (Continued)

The partnership with the David and Lucile Packard Foundation, who developed and funded much of the AbCd (Affordable Buildings for Children's Development) Initiative, will support a comprehensive and sustainable financing system for quality child care facility development using existing organizations and a proven model from the affordable housing system.

The goals of the Initiative are:

1. to increase the number and availability of child care centers, starting with preschool for 4 year olds;
2. to enlist new and diverse partners to provide support in the form of sites of other resources;
3. to achieve multi-fold increases in public and private capital investments in child care; and
4. to create the capacity to significantly increase the number of licensed quality preschool and child care spaces for the 20,000 children currently on child care waiting lists in Riverside County

Without facility expansion, renovation and construction, we will not have infrastructure for our workforce and community growth as well as safe spaces and quality programs for children. There is currently only one space available for every six children needing care. As Riverside County grows, long range planning needs to include this kind of support for a parenting workforce and quality communities.

The Riverside County Children and Families Commission (First 5 Riverside) is seeking endorsement and support of the activities of the AbCd Task Force from the Board for these important activities, which will place Riverside in a position to seek other resources and sustainability for this effort.