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Subject: [External] CHILDCARE BOARD CONFERENCE (Please file with agenda item 15.)

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Hi Supervisors,

The agenda says "Childcare options are unaffordable to many San Diegans, and working families are struggling to make ends meet. The annual cost of care for one infant in a licensed childcare center in San Diego costs over \$19,000. Further, childcare workers are underpaid; the median hourly wage in California for these employees is \$12.29 per hour. One in four childcare workers in California lives in poverty." So why don't you start with solutions to these issues, and do a little groupthink, or listening, before going out to another layer of bureaucracy - the Childcare Board Conference.

A reason why I bring up groupthink is that these Boards often are Staffed by professionals, and some people are intimidated by speaking in front of or with a contrary position to professionals, even if they are wrong, even if they differ anongst themselves. And people are discouraged by this more than by a little clapping, which might actually make them more comfortable.

Regards,

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