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Subject: FW: Public Comment for BOC Meeting of the Whole - September 20, 2021
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Dear Commissioners,
Please see the public comment below.
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Public Comment for the September 20, 2021 Meeting of the Whole

Record in the minutes of the meeting

CONTINUE TO FUND THE EARLY CHILDHOOD MILLAGE

Do the Republicans on the County Board of Commissioners even have a clue how their actions affect the Business Climate and Environment in the County? They really appear not to.

When a company makes plans to locate within or expand its operations within the county, a large part of their evaluation is the availability of qualified employees available within the area and the employment environment and services available to potential employees.

In other words an environment that is friendly to young families. These businesses are looking at the business environment for high quality education, affordable housing, adequate and affordable medical care, and the availability of affordable child care for their future employees.

At every turn the Republicans on this commission are taking actions that are counter to the establishment of a robust business environment within the county causing businesses to locate and expand in more business friendly locals.

The votes of the Republicans to essentially eliminate the early childhood programs available to families within the county are counterproductive in encouraging growth and a sustainable tax base.

I strongly encourage the BOC to reverse their decision to zero out the early childhood millage.

Charles N Godbout

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