<u>Peter</u>
<u>Clerk</u>
Early childhood funding
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Dear Clerk Crocker,

Please submit the following into the record prior to this week's BOC meeting.

Dear Commissioners,

I strongly urge the board to reject the action proposed by Commissioner Bunek to essentially eliminate early childhood funding for the county.

It is inconceivable that the board does not understand the importance of continuing these services to citizens in our county most in need. Healthy children are our future and the programs that would be impacted by elimination of funding would have a tremendous negative impact on the future of these children.

It is also outrageous that the GOP members of the board would think they should second guess and override the clear vote of the citizens of this county. A democracy runs on the will of the governed. It is not a democracy if those in power are free to ignore the clearly stated preference of the governed...in this case a preference communicated in a vote of the people. A majority has spoken...no mistake was made. Despite what Commissioner Bunek stated, it is not his right to ignore what the majority approved.

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Sent from my iPad