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I'm writing in support of Agenda Item 73, Funding for Conejo Community Outreach Diaper Bank. Thank you for taking the time to read my email. I appreciate your discussion of this agenda item.

The Conejo Community Outreach Diaper Bank sits in my neighbor's yard. I can see it if I take 10 steps out of my driveway. These are my feelings about the diaper bank:

1. I am grateful I do not need their services. However, no one else provides those services. Where do people in need go to get diapers? Food, shelter - those things can be found when a person is in need. But what does a person do when they need to keep their child in clean diapers? (this is a health and hygiene issue). The diaper bank provides an invaluable service, in my opinion.
2. I am happy I'm surrounded by caring, empathetic individuals in my neighborhood. People like the women who run the diaper bank are what the backbone of every community is made up of. Without those who care for others with no regard for reciprocation, where would we be? Who among us hasn't had a moment of need and been grateful if there was someone there to fill it?
3. During the pandemic, we all experienced a variety of types of loss: income, social connection, a feeling of safety and security that we took for granted before. Many people lost so much more. I know the diaper bank provides people in need with a layer of security that takes down their stress level. How anyone could be against such a thing boggles my mind. I, personally, do not have the time to care for the people in need to the degree that I feel empathy for them, but I appreciate that there are organizations that exist where I can donate my funds to support those in need. Conejo Community Outreach is one of those.

To support this great organization, my husband has sung two years in a row to support them at the annual Charity Karaoke event, hosted by Conejo Senior Volunteer Program. The diaper bank is well known in our neighborhood and our community. Last Sunday, after my daughter's birthday party a neighbor, who was also at the Charity Karaoke event, stopped by to chat and applaud my husband's support of the diaper bank. He'd been there to support another organization but mentioned how important he felt the diaper bank was to our community.

Other neighbors regularly drop off diaper donations, and there have been several of our neighbors who have hosted diaper drives to support the diaper bank. I give whenever I can. We support and appreciate this volunteer-run nonprofit that supports so many families in our community and it's wonderful to be a part of a neighborhood community that cares for other families not just here, in Newbury Park, but throughout all of Ventura County.

I am writing to share my appreciation, support, and gratitude to the Board of Supervisors for supporting this local nonprofit and families in our community. Thank you for caring.

I sincerely appreciate your time and attention.

All the best,
Zena Logan