MEMORANDUM

Supplement
Substitute
Agenda Item No. 4(S)

TO: Honorable Chairperson Barbara Carey-Shuler, Ed. D. and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: October 7, 2003

FROM: George M. Burgess
County Manager

SUBJECT: Ordinance relating to establishment of policy for consideration of requests by municipalities with regard to community redevelopment

The ordinance establishes, as a policy of the County Commission, that the property tax levied by The Children's Trust be exempted from making tax increment payments to community redevelopment agencies (CRAs). The ordinance requires that each municipality and CRA provide that exemption before the County Commission considers any issue regarding the CRA.

Under the terms of the ordinance, approximately $1.5 million would remain in The Children's Trust. The fiscal impact to the County is minimal, if any.

The only effect on the County of payments being made by The Children's Trust to a CRA is that any surpluses in the CRA trust funds may be distributed, at the discretion of the CRA, proportionately back to the taxing authorities making payments, and this would include the County. It is unlikely that any such payment would be made before CRA bonds are paid off, or funding needs of CRA programs are satisfied.

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