



CITY OF FAIRFIELD

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MAYOR'S OFFICE

January 9, 2024

Director Tony Tavares
California Department of Transportation
1120 N Street
Sacramento, California 95814

Re: Support for the Solano Zero-Emission (EV) Transportation Readiness and Implementation Plan for Caltrans Sustainable Communities Planning Grant

Dear Director Tavares:

The City of Fairfield supports the Solano Transportation Authority (STA) application for the Sustainable Communities Planning Grant to develop the Solano Zero-Emission Transportation Readiness and Implementation Plan.

Climate change and the increase in extreme weather such as severe storm events, wildfires, and heatwaves add additional strains to local jurisdictions to maintain and preserve a functional, reliable, and safe multimodal transportation system. With the increase of climate variability, it is necessary to mitigate and reduce greenhouse gases produced by fossil fuel-dependent transportation in order to maintain Solano's economic vitality. It is critical to continue protecting the mobility of Solano residents as we transition to a zero-emission transportation system and ensure residents have high-level connectivity to access jobs and resources while preserving the affordability of Solano County for both the present and future generations.

The Solano Zero-Emission (EV) Transportation Readiness and Implementation Plan will develop a countywide blueprint that will guide clean transportation investments in the buildout of a multimodal zero-emission transportation system. The Plan will identify priority sites, near highly frequented areas, that will enhance Solano resident's connectivity to government centers, jobs, community resources, and regional transit all while centering equity and accessibility by disadvantaged communities. Once the priority sites are identified, site assessments will be

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conducted to prepare and plan for the implementation of publicly accessible EV chargers. Based on the site assessments, a comprehensive list of capital projects will be recommended, that will set up member agencies to submit competitive projects to garner additional grant resources to implement the projects to build out a multimodal zero-emission transportation system.

The Plan will have a strong consistency with Caltrans' priorities of delivering transportation projects that promote multi-modalism and reduce vehicle miles traveled, reduce greenhouse gas emissions and criteria air pollutants, and increase equity and access to historically disadvantaged and neglected communities.

It is essential to take the necessary steps to build an equitable and accessible multimodal zero-emission transportation system that contributes to implementing clean transportation initiatives. By expanding the multimodal options of Solano residents to clean transportation, communities across the county will benefit from the reduction of pollution and access to clean air and help achieve climate goals. For these reasons, the City of Fairfield supports STA's Solano Zero-Emission Transportation Readiness and Implementation Plan grant proposal.

Sincerely,

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CATHERINE MOY

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cc: Sean Person, Solano Transportation Authority



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March 18, 2024

Gustavo Velasquez, Director
California Department of Housing and Community Development
2020 West El Camino Ave, Suite 500
Sacramento, CA 95833

RE: Surplus Land Act Guidelines

Dear Mr. Velasquez:

On behalf of the City of Fairfield, we respectfully submit the following comments on the proposed update to the draft **Surplus Land Act (SLA) Guidelines** released for public comment on February 23, 2024.

The City of Fairfield is concerned that the Department of Housing and Community Development's (HCD) proposed SLA Guidelines conflict with or exceed the authority of statute in numerous areas, including:

- Provisions that attempt to provide HCD with review authority over properties local agencies are entitled by existing statute to retain or dispose of for the agency's use. (Sec. 102(d) & Sec. 104)
- Provisions that attempt to assert HCD authority to review disposals of exempt surplus land in direct conflict with Section 54223 of the Government Code. (Sec. 102(o) & Sec. 400(e))
- Provisions that would expand processes and delays for agencies seeking to dispose of surplus land. (Sec. 202(a)(C))
- Provisions that would further confuse SLA administration by providing avenues for third parties to file Notices of Alleged Violations. (Sec. 102(u))

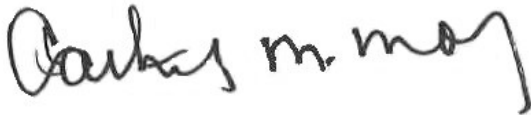
Collectively, these changes not only exceed the authority of law but will impose unnecessary costs and delays on local agencies seeking to dispose of property. We respectfully urge HCD, for the credibility of the process, to ensure that these Guidelines appropriately reflect, but do not exceed,

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the language and authority of the statute. If necessary, HCD can propose any desired policy changes as part of the Legislative process where they may be appropriately vetted.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments. If you have any questions, you can reach out to our Assistant to the City Manager, Anna Guiles, at aguiles@fairfield.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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CC: Assemblymember Lori Wilson
Senator Bill Dodd
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Anna Guiles



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MAYOR'S OFFICE

May 13, 2024

Honorable Assemblymember Matt Haney
1021 O Street, Suite 5740
Sacramento, CA 94249-0017

RE: AB 2479 (Haney): Housing First: Core Components – Support

Dear Assemblymember Haney:

I write on behalf of the City of Fairfield to support AB 2479, which would support the creation of sober, drug free recovery housing in California. AB 2479 aligns California policy with federal guidelines by recognizing that drug free housing is a component of the housing first model and should receive state funding.

The provisions outlined in AB 2479 expand housing options for the unhoused, particularly those who may opt for recovery housing over models that adopt a harm-reduction approach. In 2022, the City of Fairfield counted 427 homeless individuals; 54% which were unsheltered. The City anticipates receiving updated PIT numbers in late summer 2024; unverified numbers suggest an increase in the number of individuals experiencing homelessness.

AB 2479 aligns with the core principles of Housing First, an evidence-based model that prioritizes providing permanent housing to individuals experiencing homelessness. By extending funding eligibility within the Housing First framework, this bill ensures that our housing programs are adequately equipped to support individuals on their journey towards recovery from addiction.

Moreover, AB 2479 strikes a balance between advocating for abstinence and respecting the autonomy of program participants. Its provisions, such as offering relapse support instead of eviction and safeguarding tenants' rights to privacy and dignity, reflect a compassionate and pragmatic approach to addressing substance use disorders within the context of housing stability.

By expanding access to recovery housing, we can provide our unhoused residents with the support they need to achieve long-term housing stability and rebuild their lives. For these reasons, the City of Fairfield supports AB 2479.

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May 20, 2024

The Honorable Bill Dodd
Senator, District 3
1021 O Street, Suite 7610
Sacramento, CA 95814

The Honorable Lori Wilson
Assemblymember, District 11
1021 O Street, Suite 8110
Sacramento, CA 94249-0029

The Honorable Scott Wiener
Chair, Senate Committee on Budget
1021 O Street, Suite 8630
Sacramento, CA 95814

The Honorable Jesse Gabriel
Chair, Assembly Committee on Budget
1021 O Street, Suite 8230
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Protect Funding for Regional Early Action Planning Grants (REAP 2.0)

Dear Senator Dodd, Assemblymember Wilson, and Chairs Wiener and Gabriel:

On behalf of the City of Fairfield, I urge the Legislature to reject the Governor's January Budget proposal to cut \$300 million from the Regional Early Action Planning Grants of 2021 (REAP 2.0). While we recognize the incredible budget challenge legislators face this year, REAP 2.0 must be protected for the state (in partnership with local jurisdictions and regional agencies) to meet its ambitious housing, climate, and mobility goals.

REAP 2.0 is the *only* program providing regional agencies (MTC in the Bay Area) with flexible funding to implement the Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) required under SB 375 (Steinberg, 2008). A \$300 million rescission would eliminate half of a \$600 million investment in planning and infrastructure to accelerate infill housing development and reduce vehicle miles traveled.

Our region's SCS (Plan Bay Area 2050) will reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 19 percent from 2005 levels and accommodate an additional 400,000 homes *if fully implemented*. The \$102 million allocated to the Bay Area by REAP 2.0 is vital for realizing this ambitious vision.

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For Fairfield, funding from this program could be a critical component in the redevelopment of the Solano Town Center. Opened in 1981 the Solano Town Center is, like many malls, in need of significant investment to support its sustainment as a modern center of commerce while also creating new housing, hospitality, and office space opportunities. REAP 2.0. is an important tool for the reimagining of malls not only to generate enhanced economic impact, but also ensure the financial tools are available to create more environmentally sustainable and energy efficient sites that would otherwise not be achievable.

For these reasons, we urge you to reject the Governor's proposed rescission of REAP 2.0 funds.

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May 22, 2024

The Honorable David Alvarez
Member, California State Assembly
1021 O St., Ste. 5320
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 1886 (Alvarez) Housing Element Law: Substantial Compliance
Notice of Opposition *(As of April 1, 2024)*

Dear Assemblymember Alvarez,

The City of Fairfield respectfully must oppose measure **AB 1886**, because it turns its back to a fundamental provision of housing element law: A city may disagree with HCD; explain why its housing element is in substantial compliance with the law; and then adopt that housing element which is thereafter considered "in substantial compliance with housing element law."

For decades, cities have worked with HCD to draft housing plans that accommodate their fair share of housing at all income levels. These extensive and complex plans can take years to develop, include public involvement and engagement, and environmental review. Cities go to great lengths to ensure that their housing element substantially complies with the law, even if HCD disagrees. Current law acknowledges this fact by allowing cities to "self-certify" their housing element or take the issue to court and have a judge make the final determination of substantial compliance.

AB 1886 encourages "builder's remedy" projects by eliminating self-certification for the purpose of what it means to have a housing element "in substantial compliance with the law." The "builder's remedy" allows a developer to choose any site other than a site that is identified for very low-, low-, or moderate-income housing, and construct a project that is inconsistent with both the city's general plan and zoning. AB 1886 facilitates such projects for those cities that have a good faith disagreement based on substantial evidence.

Housing affordability and production is a critical issue facing California cities; however, this is an overreaching bill threatening the City's ability to consider community needs when constructing housing and undermines the public input process in developing housing elements. Housing elements take years to develop and AB 1886 disregards state-mandated local planning efforts allowing developers to bypass local zoning laws.

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The City of Fairfield believes that AB 1886 is counterproductive. What is really needed is for HCD to partner with cities to provide meaningful direction that helps them finalize their housing elements and put those plans to work so that much-needed housing construction can occur. For these reasons, the City of Fairfield must **oppose AB 1886 (Alvarez)**.

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cc: Honorable Assemblymember Lori Wilson
Honorable State Senator Bill Dodd
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May 22, 2024

The Honorable Senator Scott Wiener
Member, California State Senate
1021 O St., Ste. 8620
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SB 1037 (Wiener) Planning and zoning: housing element: enforcement
Notice of Opposition *(As of April 25, 2024)*

Dear Senator Wiener,

The City of Fairfield respectfully opposes SB 1037 (Wiener), which would allow the Attorney General to take legal action against a city and seek fines up to \$50,000 a month for failure to adopt a compliant housing element or if the city does not follow state laws that require ministerial approval of certain housing projects.

While recognizing the importance of enforcing housing laws to address the state's housing crisis, we have concerns regarding the implications of this bill as currently drafted. Under existing law, cities can be subject to significant fines and penalties for violating certain housing laws. However, before fines are imposed, a city can correct any mistakes or address differing interpretations of the law. Additionally, enhanced fines are typically only imposed if a city fails to comply with a court order or acts in bad faith.

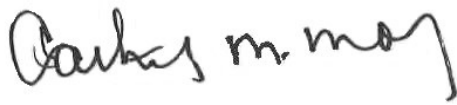
Unfortunately, as currently drafted, SB 1037 lacks provisions for cities to rectify an honest mistake or address a genuine difference in interpreting the law. Even cities acting in good faith could be subjected to substantial fines and required to cover all costs associated with legal actions brought by the Attorney General, including expert witness fees and attorney's fees.

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Instead of creating new fines and penalties, lawmakers and the Department of Housing and Community Development should provide cities with clear guidance and technical assistance to help them finalize their housing elements and put those plans to work so much-needed housing construction can occur.

For these reasons, the City of Fairfield must **oppose SB 1037**. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact staff at aguiles@fairfield.ca.gov.

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June 4, 2024

The Honorable Liz Ryan
Administrator of the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention
810 Seventh Street NW
Washington, DC 20531

RE: Support - Arts Program for Justice-Involved Youth

Dear Administrator Ryan,

On behalf of the City of Fairfield, I write to support Solano County Probation and its efforts to collaborate with an arts-based organization, Today's Future Sound. This partnership aims to provide access to a therapeutic music program for justice-involved youth to reduce juvenile delinquency, recidivism, and other problems and high-risk behaviors through the requested grant funding.

Our youth continue to struggle with the long-term impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic and social isolation. Police shortages and ongoing national unrest impact our youth as evidenced by steadily increasing crime rates. Probation and partners proposed Therapeutic Beat-Making workshops will address a lack of culturally responsive, therapeutic, and social interventions for youth in schools, community settings, and for justice-involved youth. The program has academic and social-emotional benefits, using hip-hop as a framework for teaching history, geography, digital literacy, cultural diplomacy, and collaboration, and it gives youth experience using studio-quality equipment and real-world digital music production and media skills. Given that most youth in detention at Solano County's Juvenile Detention Facility (JDF) this past year were arrested from Fairfield, we would be happy to see added programming for these youth to ensure success upon release.

With the requested grant funding, this program will be able to provide much-needed support and services to youth and their families to help them break free from cycles of incarceration,

Letter to Liz Ryan


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system involvement, and violence. We proudly support Solano County and its partners' proposed program and are happy to provide any additional information you may need.

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June 5, 2024

The Honorable Nancy Skinner
Chair, Senate Housing Committee
1021 O Street, Room 3330
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Opposition of AB 3093 (Ward) Land Use: Housing Element - Streamlined Multifamily Housing

Dear Senator Skinner,

The City of Fairfield is opposed to **AB 3093 (Ward)**. Currently, AB 3093 would require local governments to account for the housing needs of people experiencing homelessness in their housing elements without funding to develop the plan, implement strategies, or support the construction of affordable housing.

Specifically, AB 3093 adds two new income categories to the Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) framework: acutely low-income (ALI) and extremely low-income (ELI). While these new categories intend to help assess the needs of homeless residents, they fall within the existing very low-income category, which already accounts for the needs of individuals in our cities earning between 0% and 50% of the area median income.

The City of Fairfield is concerned that this will only lead to duplicating planning efforts since existing housing element law already requires cities to assess the need for emergency shelters and assist in developing adequate housing to meet the needs of extremely low-income households. Additionally, current law requires cities to identify sites and encourage the development of various housing, including supportive housing and transitional housing. Through these processes, cities are doing more than ever to plan for the needs of unhoused residents in their communities. Rather than duplicate existing planning efforts, the Legislature should focus on providing funding directly to cities to realize these plans and spur much-needed development.

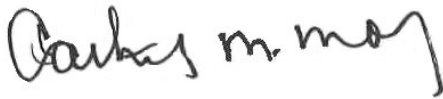
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The City of Fairfield continues to be a leader in preparing for housing needs in the community. The City of Fairfield was one of the first 14 cities in the Bay Area to receive certification from HCD that our Housing Element complied with state housing law. More recently, in April of this year, the City of Fairfield received a Pro-Housing Designation partly due to our Housing Element including 246% of the allocated RHNA units, exceeding the state law. By leveraging existing state programs, the City of Fairfield addresses the housing needs of our most vulnerable community members.

The City of Fairfield shares the goal of preventing and reducing homelessness and increasing the supply of affordable housing in our communities. However, real progress will require ongoing funding to develop long-term, ambitious plans that support unhoused residents and prevent more individuals from losing their homes. Without ongoing funding to address homelessness, the complicated requirements included in AB 3093 fail to expand or develop local governments' capacity to address immediate homelessness challenges across California.

For these reasons, the City of Fairfield must respectfully oppose AB 3093.

Sincerely,

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CATHERINE MOY
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cc: Assemblymember Chris Ward
Assemblymember Lori Wilson
Senator Bill Dodd
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MAYOR'S OFFICE

June 10, 2024

The Honorable Liz Ortega
1021 O Street, Room 5120
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: **AB 2557 (Ortega): Local Agencies: Contracts for Special Services and Temporary Help: Performance Reports (As amended 5/16/24)**
OPPOSE

Dear Assembly Member Ortega,

The City of Fairfield must respectfully **oppose AB 2557**, a bill related to contracting by local agencies. AB 2557 is overly burdensome and inflexible, which will likely result in worse outcomes for vulnerable communities and diminished local services for our residents.

Broad application has costly implications. The City of Fairfield relies in part on contractors to provide a variety of programs and services. Given our current workforce shortages, it would be difficult to provide these services without their capable assistance. Contract services allow the City to remain responsive to fluctuating community needs, including contracting for additional plan examination and inspection services during peak development periods.

With the additional reporting obligations and requirements of AB 2557 for local agencies with represented workforces and their contractors, we can expect (1) fewer nonprofit providers, community-based organizations, and other private service providers willing to engage with local agencies, (2) exacerbated already-demanding caseloads and workloads for our existing staff and (3) increased costs.

There remains a chronic under-investment in funding local government programs and services in California. Most of the new resources that local agencies have received from the state and federal governments over the past many years have been one-time in nature.

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Reporting requirements are burdensome, duplicative, and impractical. AB 2557 would require contractors to provide quarterly performance reports with a litany of required components, including personally identifiable information for its employees and subcontractors that is subject to the California Public Records Act. Cities would need to create a new local bureaucracy at a considerable cost to follow the provisions that require quarterly performance reports.

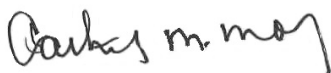
In addition to requiring contractors to provide semi-annual performance reports every 180 days, AB 2557 requires an independent auditor (likely also be subject to AB 2557) to determine whether performance standards are being met for contracts with terms exceeding two years, ostensibly *at the contractor's cost*. It is unclear what this audit could unearth that a regular performance report cannot. This provision fails to understand the practical logistics of actually achieving this reporting and review in a timely manner — not to mention the considerable burden placed on contractors, which would presumably be another deterrent to engaging with local agencies.

Making private employee data subject to the California Public Records Act deters effective partnerships with the private sector. AB 2557 requires contractors to provide information about employees and retain records. This private employee data would be accessible to any member of the public via the California Public Records Act (CPRA). Public employee data subject to the CPRA has resulted in data mining for profit, as well as subjecting employees to harassment and threats.

Local agencies are already subject to statutory limitations on contracting. Cities are already subject to the statutory provisions of the Meyers-Milias-Brown Act and related state law provisions. Local agencies cannot contract out work currently performed by bargaining unit employees simply to save money and most contracting-out decisions are already subject to meet-and-confer requirements. All the issues the bill seeks to address are better addressed at the bargaining table where local conditions can be appropriately considered.

AB 2557 represents a sweeping change to the fundamental work of local governments, but we are unaware of a specific problem that this measure would resolve or prevent. AB 2557 will not improve services, reduce costs, or protect employees. For these reasons, the City of Fairfield respectfully **opposes AB 2557**.

Sincerely,

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Mayor

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cc: The Honorable Liz Ortega, Chair, Assembly Local Government Committee
The Honorable Tina McKinnor, Chair, Assembly Public Employment and Retirement
Committee
Assembly Member Lori Wilson
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June 11, 2024

The Honorable Lori Wilson
Member, California State Assembly
State Capitol
PO Box 942879
Sacramento, CA 94249

RE: SB 1037 (Wiener) Planning and zoning: housing element: enforcement
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As currently drafted, SB 1037 does not provide cities with the opportunity to correct an honest mistake or address a genuine difference in interpreting the law. Even jurisdictions acting in good faith could be subject to significant fines and be required to cover the Attorney General's costs for investigating and prosecuting the action, including expert witness fees and attorney's fees.

In 2022, widespread misconceptions about Housing Element law led to many Bay Area jurisdictions to briefly fall out of compliance. These jurisdictions believed there was a 120-day grace period leading up to the January 31, 2023, deadline for adopting and certifying the Sixth Cycle Housing Element. However, the California Department of Housing and Community

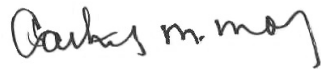
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Development clarified in October 2022 that the 120-day grace period only applied to rezoning. This discrepancy in legal interpretation highlights the challenges of implementing complex State housing laws, even for pro-housing cities like Fairfield.

Instead of creating new fines and penalties, lawmakers and the Department of Housing and Community Development should provide cities with clear guidance and technical assistance to help them finalize their housing elements and put those plans to work so much-needed housing construction can occur.

For these reasons, the City of Fairfield must **oppose SB 1037**.

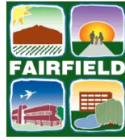
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March 22, 2024

Honorable Senator Bill Dodd
State Capitol
1021 O Street, Suite 7610
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Funding for Regional Coordination and Oversight of Homeless Response in Solano County

Dear Senator Dodd:

We, the undersigned Mayors of Solano County along with the Board of Supervisors, collectively write to request funds to support the Community Action Partnership of Solano County, Joint Powers Authority (CAP Solano) in their critical capacity building to address the homeless crisis in Solano County. As leaders representing the various jurisdictions within Solano County, we are united in our commitment to addressing the pressing issue of homelessness in our region.

CAP Solano serves as the collaborative applicant for the Solano Continuum of Care (CoC), overseeing and coordinating homeless services in our region. CAP Solano has made significant strides in restructuring and enhancing their operations since 2022, adopting an innovative Joint Powers Authority (JPA) model to facilitate regional collaboration among policymakers and service providers. Currently, CAP Solano operates with minimal staffing, hindering the ability to effectively compete for grant funds and address the escalating homeless crisis in our community. Recognizing this urgent need, CAP Solano has developed a strategic staffing plan in collaboration with Solano City Managers, aiming to bolster the organization towards self-sustainability.

To implement this sustained staffing model, we are requesting \$2.75 million over four years to fund 6.5 Full-Time Equivalent positions within CAP Solano. These positions, including an Executive Director, Homeless Coordinator, Fiscal Agents, Grants Manager, and Policy Manager, are essential for enhancing the organization's grant capabilities and establishing a self-sustaining model after the initial four years. This funding investment will not only benefit CAP Solano but also translate into improved services for those experiencing homelessness in our community. The FY 2023-24 CAP Solano Budget, totaling \$2.6 million, allocated a modest \$149,753 to CAP Solano Administration. Self-funding would necessitate redirecting funds from service providers, impacting the vulnerable populations we aim to support.

This funding request aligns with current legislative goals outlined in AB 129 and HHAP Round 5 requirements by exemplifying a coordinated effort between jurisdictions. CAP Solano's innovative and

collaborative approach as a Joint Power Authority demonstrates regional coordination, pooling resources to effectively address a critical concern.

We urge your support for the \$2.75 million funding request for CAP Solano. By investing in this initiative, we can significantly enhance our ability to address homelessness and serve as a role model of regional collaboration to address the growing crisis.

Sincerely,



Mitch Mashburn
County of Solano
Board of Supervisors, Chair



Alma Hernandez
City of Suisun City
Mayor



Steve Young
City of Benicia
Mayor



John Carli
City of Vacaville
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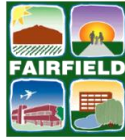
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City of Rio Vista
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We, the undersigned Mayors of Solano County along with the Board of Supervisors, collectively write to request funds to support the Community Action Partnership of Solano County, Joint Powers Authority (CAP Solano) in their critical capacity building to address the homeless crisis in Solano County. As leaders representing the various jurisdictions within Solano County, we are united in our commitment to addressing the pressing issue of homelessness in our region.

CAP Solano serves as the collaborative applicant for the Solano Continuum of Care (CoC), overseeing and coordinating homeless services in our region. CAP Solano has made significant strides in restructuring and enhancing their operations since 2022, adopting an innovative Joint Powers Authority (JPA) model to facilitate regional collaboration among policymakers and service providers. Currently, CAP Solano operates with minimal staffing, hindering the ability to effectively compete for grant funds and address the escalating homeless crisis in our community. Recognizing this urgent need, CAP Solano has developed a strategic staffing plan in collaboration with Solano City Managers, aiming to bolster the organization towards self-sustainability.

To implement this sustained staffing model, we are requesting \$2.75 million over four years to fund 6.5 Full-Time Equivalent positions within CAP Solano. These positions, including an Executive Director, Homeless Coordinator, Fiscal Agents, Grants Manager, and Policy Manager, are essential for enhancing the organization's grant capabilities and establishing a self-sustaining model after the initial four years. This funding investment will not only benefit CAP Solano but also translate into improved services for those experiencing homelessness in our community. The FY 2023-24 CAP Solano Budget, totaling \$2.6 million, allocated a modest \$149,753 to CAP Solano Administration. Self-funding would necessitate redirecting funds from service providers, impacting the vulnerable populations we aim to support.

This funding request aligns with current legislative goals outlined in AB 129 and HHAP Round 5 requirements by exemplifying a coordinated effort between jurisdictions. CAP Solano's innovative and

collaborative approach as a Joint Power Authority demonstrates regional coordination, pooling resources to effectively address a critical concern.

We urge your support for the \$2.75 million funding request for CAP Solano. By investing in this initiative, we can significantly enhance our ability to address homelessness and serve as a role model of regional collaboration to address the growing crisis.

Sincerely,



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