



CITY OF FAIRFIELD

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CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE

March 8, 2023

Honorable Assemblymember Lori Wilson
State Capitol
1021 O Street, Room 5150
Sacramento, CA 94249

Re: Assembly Funding Request for the City of Fairfield

Dear Assemblymember Wilson:

The City of Fairfield respectfully requests your consideration of the following funding requests for the upcoming FY 2023-24 State Budget cycle. We appreciate your continued support of our city and regional needs in District 11. The following projects are listed in priority order and represent the valuable quality-of-life projects the City anticipates initiating in the coming year, pending funding availability.

Project 1	East Tabor Safe Routes to School Project
Funding Request	\$2,000,000
Total Project Budget	\$2,260,000
Project Schedule	Bid Q3 of 2023 Award Q4 of 2023 Construction Q1 of 2024

In an effort to maintain pedestrian safety for students traveling to and from Tolenas Elementary School, the City has developed a project to construct mobility improvements on East Tabor Avenue and Tolenas Road. The project includes the installation of sidewalks, bicycle lanes, and a gated at-grade pedestrian crossing of the Union Pacific Railroad tracks. The City received federal grant funding for the design of this project in 2019.



The project design is 90% complete and will be final in June 2023. Due to project complexities, including railroad coordination and approval, right of entries, and easement acquisitions and coordination, it has been extremely difficult to secure and maintain federal funding for the construction of this project and deliver the project within the federal construction obligation window.

The City respectfully requests \$2,000,000 to fully construct this project as there is no funding currently available for project construction. Should the City be awarded funding, the project will be completed within two years.

Project 2	Police Station Addition
Funding Request	\$2,000,000
Total Project Budget	\$22,170,000
Project Schedule	Bid Q3 of 2023 Award Q4 of 2023 Construction Q1 of 2024

The City of Fairfield's Police Station was built in 1970 when the department served just over 44,000 residents. Since the original construction, the City has expanded and remodeled the station several times to meet the need of continued growth. Fairfield's current population is approximately 120,000 and is projected to exceed 127,000 in the next five years.



The proposed Police Station Addition Project includes constructing a new 12,934 square-foot single-story building adjacent to the existing station, a parking lot expansion, and associated utilities to accommodate the expansion.

The City respectfully requests \$2,000,000 to include in the project resiliency and redundancy infrastructure improvements, including upgrading the uninterrupted power supply to improve resiliency during power shutdowns. Funds will also provide for the installation of underground EV charging infrastructure in preparation for transitioning the Police Department fleet to electric charging. This infrastructure addition is critical in ensuring the City prepares for the California Air Resource Board's requirement to move to 100% zero-emission vehicles but are currently unfunded.

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Project 3 Fire Station 39
Funding Request \$2,000,000
Total Project Budget \$14,500,000
Project Schedule Bid Q3 of 2023 | Award Q4 of 2023 | Construction Q1 of 2024

Fire Station 39 is a planned new fire station located on Peabody Road at Dobe Lane. This project includes the construction of a single-crew fire station with a two-bay apparatus structure. The new fire station will reduce response times and increase fire protection services to northeastern Fairfield, including significant new development as part of the Train Station Specific Plan.



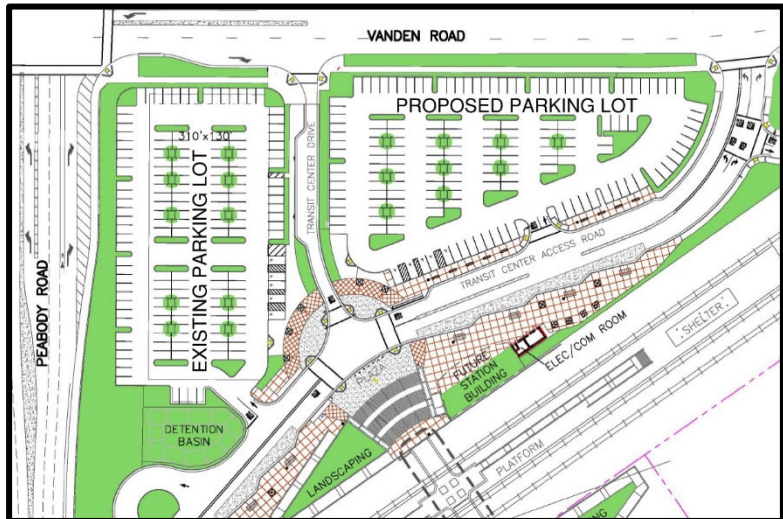
The City of Fairfield respectfully requests \$2,000,000 to support the development of this new fire station. The plans, specifications, and cost estimate are 100% complete and will be finalized upon receipt of a building permit, expected by June 2023. Due to the irregular shape of the property, limited options for access to Peabody Road, and increases in construction costs due to inflation over the last three years, the project exceeds the original 2017 project budget in the Community Facilities District (CFD), and the requested funds will assist in closing a current funding gap.

Project 4 Hannigan Train Station Parking Lot Expansion
Funding Request \$500,000
Total Project Budget \$2,000,000
Project Schedule Bid Q2 of 2023 | Award Q3 of 2023 | Construction Q4 of 2023

The Hannigan-Fairfield-Vacaville Train Station (FF-VV Station) opened in late 2017 and is the newest stop along the Capitol Corridor. The station is the centerpiece of the 2011 Fairfield Train Station Specific Plan, which calls for a new mixed-use development of 6,800 housing units, a few hundred thousand square feet of retail space, and 300 acres of industrial. The plan aims to create a transit-oriented development that allows for walkable and bikeable neighborhoods, which feed into a high-quality transit service; the FF-VV Station.

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Currently, the FF-VV Station has 139 parking spaces, and prior to COVID-19, demand for the station outpaced the original capacity, reaching 100% occupancy by mid-2018. While COVID-19 has impacted ridership, the station continues to have use, and the City is preparing for the return to office impacts. Through a partnership with Solano Transportation Authority, the City has secured funding for parking lot capacity improvements, including pavement, concrete, landscaping, and underground utilities.



The City respectfully requests \$500,000 to enhance the parking lot improvements by installing and maintaining electric vehicle chargers. The installation of chargers will support the City's efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and integrate transportation modes, establishing the necessary framework to build the future transportation network.

Thank you for your consideration of the above quality-of-life projects. We recognize the State is faced with a projected deficit for this year's budget, so any support you may be able to provide is greatly appreciated. Please let City staff know if additional information is necessary for your consideration.

Respectfully,

CATHERINE MOY
Mayor

Cc: Fairfield City Council
Joe A Gonsalves and Sons



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March 10, 2023

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

RE: Support for AB 46 - Military Services Retirement and Surviving Spouse Benefit Payment Act

Dear Senator Dodd,

On behalf of the City of Fairfield City Council, I write to express our support of AB 46 which would provide a California income tax exclusion for uniformed services retirement pay and the associated survivor benefit plan.

As a military community, we feel this is a vital bill and will incentivize retiring military members to remain in our area. Military retirees and their families are an important part of our local economy as they are often a highly trained and motivated workforce as they transition to civilian jobs. Providing a state income tax exclusion to retirees of the uniformed services not only signifies the gratitude of Californians for these men and women who chose to serve our country, but it also benefits the state and local economies by helping to retain skilled and motivated individuals in California.

By adopting this bill, California will join the other 49 states in the nation offering an income tax exemption to retired uniformed service members. While a small portion of income tax revenue is lost from the retirement pay, many service members pursue second careers after retiring from the armed forces. This tax exemption would be limited to the retirement pay, while local economies will benefit from full taxation of their second careers.

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I appreciate your support as a co-author of this bill and your continued support of our Travis Air Force community in the region.

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cc. Joe A. Gonsalves
League of California Cities
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State Capitol
P.O. Box 942849
Sacramento, CA 94249-0011

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MAYOR'S OFFICE

March 13, 2023

The Honorable John Garamendi
United States House of Representatives
2004 Rayburn HOB
Washington D.C. 20515

RE: Support - FY 2024 Congressionally Directed Spending Request for Radio Infrastructure & Interoperability Improvements in Solano County

Dear Congressman Garamendi:

On behalf of the City of Fairfield City Council, I write to express our support of Solano County's request seeking \$8 million in Fiscal Year 2024 Congressionally Directed Spending for the Radio Infrastructure and Interoperability Improvements project. This critical project funding would help Solano County secure a unified, modern communications system that would link the County's police, fire, and emergency response agencies into a single network and allow for interoperable communications among dozens of local, regional, and State agencies.

The current radio and communications equipment in Solano County is antiquated and no longer meets the complex communication needs of the County and its partner agencies. This funding would allow Solano County to enhance the usability and effectiveness of radio communications within the county and will enable dozens of cities and counties, along with State and Federal agency partners, such as CAL Fire, CAL OES, and Travis Air Force Base, to communicate seamlessly and support each other in times of critical need.

As the past several years have demonstrated to us, emergencies, including but not limited to wildfires, flooding, earthquakes, and severe weather – we are particularly vulnerable to a loss of interoperability and communication when faced with serious and often life-threatening disasters. For these reasons and more, I thank you for your support and consideration of this critically important community project request and urge you to seek \$8 million in FY24 Congressionally

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Directed Spending for the Solano County Radio Infrastructure and Interoperability Improvements project.

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March 14, 2023

Mr. Gerald Huber, Director
Solano County Health and Human Services
275 Beck Avenue
Fairfield, CA 94533

Re: Support for the Local Aging and Disability Action Planning Grant Application

Dear Mr. Huber:

I am writing to support the application for The Local Aging and Disability Action Planning Grant submitted by the Solano County Department of Health and Social Services and Napa/Solano Area Agency on Aging. The grant will enable Solano County and the Area Agency on Aging to develop a plan for expanding and enhancing services to meet the needs of highly vulnerable populations of senior citizens and persons with disabilities. The project will build on findings from previous needs assessments that identified service needs and strategies to address them. Target populations will include seniors that are Latinx/Hispanic, Black/African American, Asian/Pacific Islander, LGBTQI+, and seniors who live in rural areas.

The City of Fairfield recognizes the increasing growth of the aging population and is committed to providing access to needed services. We desire all community residents, including older persons, to participate in and contribute to the social and economic fabric of the community. To this end, on April 5, 2022, the City of Fairfield City Council passed Resolution 2022-71 affirming support for an age-friendly community and supporting initiatives and opportunities to be an age-friendly community.

We applaud plans for a more in-depth look at the special needs and service preferences of diverse and unique groups of seniors. Strategies developed during this planning process will enable the cities within our region to actively participate in the AARP Age-Friendly Communities Program. We look forward to the opportunity to provide feedback and participate in the planning process.

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to better serve our aging population. For these reasons, we support the Solano County and Napa/Solano Area Agency on Aging request and look forward to collaborating with them in this important planning effort.

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March 14, 2023

Joe Tyler, Director/Fire Chief
California Department of Forestry & Fire Protection
PO Box 944246
Sacramento, CA 94244-2460

Re: Letter of Commitment for Project 22-WP-LNU 48329741, Community Shaded Fuel Break and Defensible Space Collaborative Project Phase 2

Dear Chief Tyler:

The City of Fairfield is writing to show our support of, and commitment to, Project 22-WP-LNU 48329741, the Community Shaded Fuel Break and Defensible Space Collaborative Project Phase 2.

The proposed project, located in a high fire hazard severity zone in a State Responsibility Area (SRA), will enhance public and firefighter safety by reducing hazardous fuels and decreasing the likelihood of wildfire spread. This project is critical for protecting hundreds of homes, thousands of residents, and key community assets. The shaded fuel break on the north and east side of Green Valley is shovel-ready, enabling fuel reduction work to start immediately upon funding.

The Cordelia Fire Protection District (CFPD) and Green Valley Fire Safe Council (GVFSC) have collaborated to lead the effort to reduce wildfire risk in the unincorporated area. Through a previously awarded CAL FIRE Prevention Grant, CFPD and GVFSC have implemented Phase 1 of the fuel reduction project, creating a two-mile wildfire fuel break along the west side of Green Valley. In addition to developing a fuel break, CFPD and GVFSC have held various educational events to engage and equip residents in wildfire preparedness. An example includes the upcoming Wildfire Safety Expo at Solano Community College on April 15, 2023. The Expo is a countywide collaborative event led by GVFSC and the Pleasant Valley Fire Safe Council in partnership with surrounding fire departments, fire protection districts, and other disaster-related organizations.

The wildfire dangers in our region's wildland-urban interface (WUI) are severe due to heavy fuel loads, dead and down vegetation, historically dry conditions, and strong westerly winds. These conditions left

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untreated areas vulnerable to increasing wildfire intensity and rate of spread, putting the community and public safety personnel at risk.

We are pleased to partner with CFPD and GVFSC in this important endeavor and will commit up to 760 hours of staff time (approx. value of \$43,000) to assist with the planning, oversight, and maintenance of fuel reduction on city property should this project receive CAL FIRE funding. I appreciate your consideration, and please let City staff know if additional information is necessary for your review.

Respectfully,

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CATHERINE MOY

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cc. Joy Tucker, AGPA, CAL FIRE
Michael Marcucci, LNU Unit Chief, CAL FIRE



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March 16, 2023

The Honorable John Garamendi
Member of Congress
2368 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Garamendi,

I am writing on behalf of the City of Fairfield to express support for Leaven Kids' proposed Community Project Request to enhance and improve after school programming for youth in Fairfield by adding a new storefront center where our residents are disproportionately impacted by crime and violence.

Leaven Kids is committed to removing the barriers to accessing high quality after school programming to support lasting and meaningful change in our neighborhoods. Leaven Kids' place-based approach targets specific segmented populations identified in Fairfield, analyzes the circumstances contributing to high rates of violence, and engages families and community members as active participants in the development and implementation of services centered around an afterschool and summer intensive model, with additional case management services in highest-need neighborhoods. Studies show that youth are much more likely to commit crimes if they live in high-crime areas and have greater chances of reoffending if their communities have high recidivism rates. By working directly with students and families where they live, Leaven Kids' bottom-up approach allows us to influence measurable changes to the neighborhood's built environment, directly where crime and violence occurs, and provide sustainable, high-impact prevention strategies. Areas with Leaven Kids Centers have seen a significant reduction in crime.

Successful youth development models, like Leaven Kids, are shown to reduce violence and produce positive outcomes for communities. We are thankful for Leaven Kids' successful locations in Fairfield and support this project that will further this organization's mission and

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provide equitable, accessible community violence intervention and educational opportunities for our youth.

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March 22, 2023

The Honorable Scott Wiener
Chair, Senate Committee on Housing
1021 O Street, Suite 3330
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Notice of Opposition - SB 423 (Wiener) Streamlined Housing Approvals: Multifamily Housing Developments: SB 35 (Chapter 366, Statutes of 2017) Expansion

Dear Senator Wiener:

On behalf of the City of Fairfield City Council, I write to oppose your measure, SB 423, which would greatly expand SB 35 (Chapter 366, Statutes of 2017) provisions and eliminate the January 1, 2026, sunset date.

The City of Fairfield staff, council, and residents understand affordable housing is a growing crisis. In our 2022 Community Survey, respondents stated affordable housing was one of the top three most serious issues facing residents of Fairfield. At our 2023 Council Retreat, Fairfield Council reaffirmed affordable housing as a continued Council priority, and City staff continues to work to find creative solutions to build housing for all income levels. I am proud to report that in 2022, Fairhaven Court was constructed and will begin occupancy of the 72 units this spring. In 2023, we have two additional affordable housing projects under construction – Parkside Flats and Habitat for Humanity Woolner Homes – and we continue aggressively seeking opportunities for diverse and affordable housing in our city.

SB 423 is the latest overreaching bill threatening the City's ability to consider community needs when constructing housing. This measure would double-down on the recent trend of the state overriding its own mandated local housing plans by forcing cities to approve certain housing projects without regard to the needs of the community, opportunities for environmental review, or input from the public. While it may be frustrating for some developers to address neighborhood concerns about traffic, parking, and other development impacts, those directly affected by such projects have a right to be heard. Public engagement often leads to better projects. Not having such outlets will increase public distrust and frustration in government and could result in additional ballot measures limiting housing development.

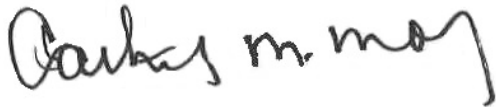
Instead of continuing to pursue top-down, one-size-fits-all legislation, lawmakers should partner with local officials. That is why the League of California Cities is calling on the Governor and lawmakers to include a \$3 billion annual investment in the state budget to help cities prevent and reduce homelessness and spur housing development. Targeted, ongoing funding is the only way cities can find community-based

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solutions that get our residents off the streets and keep them in their homes. California will never produce the number of homes needed with an increasingly state-driven, by-right housing approval process. Cities need a sustainable state investment that matches the scale of this long-term crisis.

For the above reasons, the City of Fairfield respectfully opposes SB 423.

Sincerely,

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cc: Senator Bill Dodd
Assemblymember Lori Wilson
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City of Fairfield

West Texas Complete Streets Project Funding Request

One-Time Funding Request: \$3,000,000

Total Project Budget: \$16,100,000

The City of Fairfield requests \$3,000,000 to deliver the \$16.1M West Texas Complete Streets Project. This shovel-ready project was envisioned during the development of the Heart of Fairfield Specific Plan through a community-based process to develop a vision for the revitalization and transformation of Fairfield's Downtown and West Texas Street areas.

West Texas Street is a vital roadway connecting I-80 to downtown Fairfield and its community destinations. West Texas provides access to shopping centers, schools, regional parks, city and county government headquarters, a performing arts center, and an aquatics complex. This commercial corridor also links residents to key transportation hubs such as the intermodal Fairfield Transportation Center and Suisun-Fairfield train station.

The existing street is a former state highway which formed a highway-commercial district designed to move cars. With the growth of the city and the re-routing of the highway, it now serves as a local road; however, it needs to serve both commercial needs and the needs of residents who do not own cars. The proposed complete-street improvements will make the roadway safer, which will encourage more people to bicycle and walk. The improved mixed-use corridor will attract new residents, jobs, and commercial development.

Project Benefits:

- Cements the downtown core as the cultural heart of Fairfield for business, entertainment, and residential uses.
- Provides multi-modal access to two vital transportation hubs (the Fairfield Transportation Center and the Suisun-Fairfield train station).
- Reduces collisions on a stretch of roadway that has inordinately high rates of collisions between vehicles and bicycles/pedestrians providing safe routes to school for students.
- Increases transit use, along with more pedestrian and bicycle trips, resulting in greenhouse gas reductions for the city.

Fairfield was successful in securing a \$10.7M grant for the project through California's Active Transportation Program (ATP). Additionally, local matching funds totaling \$2.4M are available from gas tax revenues, as well as local and regional traffic impact fees.

We appreciate your consideration of this funding request to help deliver the West Texas Complete Streets Project and transform the Heart of Fairfield. Should you need additional information, please reach out to David Gassaway, City Manager, dgassaway@fairfield.ca.gov.



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MAYOR'S OFFICE

April 11, 2023

Honorable Assemblymember Corey Jackson
State Capitol
PO Box 942849
Sacramento, CA 94249-0060

Re: Notice of Opposition – AB 742: Law enforcement: Police Canines

Dear Assemblymember Jackson:

I write on behalf of the City of Fairfield City Council to express our opposition to Assembly Bill (AB) 742. This measure would provide that a peace officer shall not use an unleashed police canine to arrest or apprehend a person for crowd control at any assembly, protest, or demonstration; and that a police canine shall not be used in any circumstance to bite.

We recognize the historical injustices community of color have faced throughout our nation and we wholly support policing accountability, responsible policing policies, and oversight by local governing bodies. However, we firmly believe police canines are an important non-lethal option in circumstances that call for a more robust law enforcement response.

On April 20, 2022, Fairfield Police responded to reports that a man had broken into an elderly woman's home. Ensuing calls to Dispatch indicated that the suspect had also threatened to kill a delivery driver and take his delivery truck. After numerous attempts to call the man out of the house and following the use of other de-escalation techniques and tools, Fairfield officers entered the home to arrest the man. Police canine, Cort, encountered him first. The man attacked Cort, biting him in the face and stabbing him on his left side. The man appeared to be under the influence of drugs, and after Cort's initial contact, officers safely took the male into custody. Because of Cort's brave acts, no one else was injured. Cort recovered from his wounds and continues to serve as an invaluable member of the Fairfield Police Department.

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Cort's story is one of the many examples of how Fairfield Police utilizes police canines to protect and serve our community while maintaining the safety of officers and community members involved in incidents. For these reasons, the City of Fairfield opposes AB 742.

Sincerely,



CATHERINE MOY
Mayor

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cc: Assemblymember Lori Wilson



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April 11, 2023

Honorable Reginald Jones-Sawyer
Chair, Assembly Public Safety Committee
Legislative Office Building
1020 N Street, Room 111
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Notice of Support (as Amended 3/9/23) - AB 1708 (Muratsuchi) Theft

Dear Assemblymember Jones-Sawyer:

The City of Fairfield is pleased to support AB 1708 (Muratsuchi). This measure would increase accountability for repeat theft offenders and offer pathways for pre-plea diversion programming. If passed, the bill would send the issue to the voters for approval at the next statewide general election.

This strategy is one of many supported by cities to address crime and its underlying causes. We remain committed to improving California's carceral systems, interrupting and ending cycles of recidivism, and building a community-based system of care that appropriately meets the needs of all community members.

Proposition 47 of 2014 made promises of safe neighborhoods, but the unintended consequences that followed have created negative repercussions. According to a February 2023 study conducted by the Public Policy Institute of California, a strong majority of Californians worry they or a family member will be a victim of a crime (21% very, 44% somewhat). This sentiment is shared by residents and small business owners in cities throughout the state.

Like many others, small businesses in Fairfield are plagued by instances of shoplifting and petty theft, with most of these offenses committed by repeat offenders. Recidivism, as it relates to crime, always has far-reaching ramifications. In this instance, not only does it negatively affect

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the economy, but it also adversely impacts the quality of life experienced by those seeking to live, build and do business here. Our communities deserve better, and cities are more than ready to find solutions that fix Proposition 47.

The City of Fairfield is keenly interested in exploring additional strategies to address the impacts of crime in our communities. This includes resources to improve community safety through prevention and early intervention programming, as well as improved re-entry service provision for our formerly incarcerated community members. While these provisions have historically been the responsibility of state and county departments, cities are interested in increased collaboration to meet these urgent needs.

For these reasons, the City of Fairfield requests your support on AB 1708.

Sincerely,



CATHERINE MOY
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cc: The Honorable Al Muratsuchi
Assemblymember Lori Wilson
Senator Bill Dodd
League of California Cities
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MAYOR'S OFFICE

May 12, 2023

Honorable Assemblymember Laurie Davies
State Capitol
PO Box 942849
Sacramento, CA 94249-0074

RE: Support for AB 697: Drug Court Success Incentives Program

Dear Assemblymember Davies:

On behalf of the City of Fairfield City Council, I write to express our support for AB 697, which would authorize a pilot program for Solano County to provide specific supporting services to adult defendants who participate in the county's drug court.

Substance use in California is widespread. Solano County experienced 58 opioid-related overdose deaths in 2021, and the annual crude mortality rate for 2021 was 13.03 per 100k residents, an increase of 73% from 2019. We have also seen an increase in buprenorphine prescriptions for opioid use treatment by 35% since 2019. Drug courts provide access to treatment for substance-abusing offenders in criminal, dependency, and family courts while minimizing the use of incarceration.

The Solano County Adult Drug Court program held its first session in Fairfield on March 14, 1997. While the program went on hiatus in July 2005, it resumed on December 7, 2007, and has been in continual operation since. Participants of the Drug Court agree to court supervision, intensive case management, long-term drug treatment, and engaging in the hard work of getting well. Acceptance in this program is a long-term commitment.

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AB 697 would establish the Drug Court Success Incentives Pilot Program reducing barriers to participation by providing up to \$500 a month in supportive services to encourage defendant participation and reduce some of the barriers in maintaining sobriety. For these reasons, the City of Fairfield supports AB 679.

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July 11, 2023

The Honorable Bill Dodd
Member, California State Senate
1021 O Street, Room 7610
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 504 (Reyes) State and Local Public Employees: Labor Relations: Disputes
Notice of OPPOSE (04/13/2023)

Dear Senator Dodd:

On behalf of the City of Fairfield City Council, I write to respectfully oppose AB 504, which would declare the acts of sympathy striking and honoring a picket line a human right. AB 504 would also void provisions in public employer policies or collective bargaining agreements limiting or preventing an employee's right to sympathy strike.

We are not disputing the right of employee organizations to engage in the protected activity of striking. State law has created a framework for when unions can engage in protected strike activity that has been honored by local government and unions alike. Unfortunately, this bill would allow those who have not gone through the negotiation process to refuse to work simply because another bargaining unit is engaging in striking.

We have a responsibility to provide services to our community. Both parties have agreed to no-strike provisions in local contracts in good faith, often due to the critical nature of the employees' job duties. Local MOU provisions around striking and sympathy striking ensure local governments can continue to provide critical services. Eliminating this ability while ignoring the essential employee designation process for sympathy strikers would likely result in workforce shortages that jeopardize our ability to operate and provide critical services.

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If sympathy strikes are not prohibited by statute, the following are just a few critical services that will be severely impacted if sympathy strikes are not prohibited: public safety, transportation, traffic, and safe potable water delivery. Our police officers may refuse to assist our firefighters to secure a fire or other forms of emergency response, putting lives in danger. Transportation and traffic may be impacted if employees who are responsible for these critical services go on a sympathy strike. Our water delivery system may be shut down if employees refuse to staff the City's two water treatment plants. If sewer pipes burst, our employees may refuse to perform an emergency repair if they are on a sympathy strike.

This bill jeopardizes the delivery of necessary city services and undermines the collective bargaining process. For these reasons, the City of Fairfield respectfully opposes AB 504.

Sincerely,

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CATHERINE MOY
Mayor

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cc: The Honorable Eloise Gómez Reyes
Members and Staff, Senate Labor, Public Employment and Retirement
Members and Staff, Senate Judiciary Committee
Gonsalves and Son
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MAYOR'S OFFICE

July 14, 2023

Assemblymember Jesse Gabriel
California State Capitol P.O. Box 942849
Sacramento, CA 94293

Re: Assembly Bill (AB) 28 (Gabriel) - Support

Dear Assemblymember Gabriel,

I am writing to express our support for AB 28. This bill will secure dedicated and sustained funding for lifesaving violence intervention initiatives and related gun violence prevention, education, and research purposes through a modest surtax on firearm industry profits.

As you know, gun violence is a public health, safety, and equity crisis. Since the start of the pandemic, our nation has seen record-setting gun and ammunition sales, alongside record nationwide increases in shootings, homicides, and related traumas. This national gun violence crisis has also imposed an enormously unequal toll on communities of color in our state, where over 84% of youth homicide victims are Black or Latino.

In addition to its brutal human toll, gun violence also causes enormous economic harm and imposes enormous fiscal burdens on state and local governments and taxpayers. A 2021 report by Everytown for Gun Safety found that gun deaths and injuries cost California \$22.6 billion annually, of which \$1.2 billion is paid directly by taxpayers every year. Gun violence also imposes broader indirect costs in the form of reduced home values and reduced profitability for local businesses.

To promote community safety and mitigate the enormous collateral harms that flow from firearm industry commerce, California has acted to invest in violence intervention initiatives that work to interrupt entrenched cycles of shootings, trauma, and retaliation. These programs support and heal victims of firearm violence and provide targeted intervention services to other individuals identified as highest risk of being shot or involved in cycles of violence in the near future. The state's investment in these programs, primarily through the California Violence Intervention and Prevention (CalVIP) grant program, has provided a critical lifeline to temporarily

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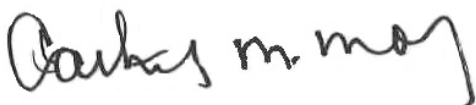
sustain and expand programs employing frontline violence intervention workers and saving lives today.

However, these investments have thus far relied on short-term General Fund commitments. Sustained reductions in gun violence will require sustained investments in prevention and intervention efforts and longer-term planning to entrench virtuous cycles of trauma recovery, retaliation prevention, peace-building, and safety.

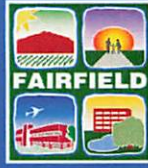
This bill is comparable to other firearm and ammunition industry tax measures that have been repeatedly upheld by the courts. Similar firearm, ammunition, and related industry excise taxes have also been in place at the federal level for over a century. Just as the federal tax on firearm industry manufacturers generates revenue to remediate the harmful effects that firearm industry commerce can have on wildlife, AB 28 would place an identical tax on retail sellers to fund programs that effectively remediate the impact these products take on families and communities across the state. This tax is a modest and reasonable excise tax on sellers whose lawful and legitimate commercial activity still imposes harmful externalities on California's families, communities, and taxpayers.

This bill is not intended to penalize firearm sellers or otherwise discourage lawful firearm sales and commerce but would reasonably generate revenue to sustain programs that are targeted and effective at mitigating the harms that firearms and related products too often cause. For these reasons, we strongly support AB 28.

Sincerely,

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CATHERINE MOY
Mayor



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MAYOR'S OFFICE

August 15, 2023

Honorable Mayor Steven Young
City of Benicia
230 East L Street
Benicia, CA 94510

Re: Notice of Support – Request to Increase Solano County's Sales Tax Cap Rate from 9.25% to 9.75%

Dear Mayor Young:

On behalf of the City of Fairfield City Council, I write in support of the City of Benicia's request to the State Legislature to pass special legislation increasing Solano County's statutory sales tax limit from 9.25% to 9.75%.

Maintaining a strong local economy and robust public services are vital components in providing an enhanced quality of life for our citizens. As neighboring cities, we share common challenges and opportunities, and it is crucial that we collaborate and support each other's initiatives for the betterment of Solano County as a whole. We recognize the increasing costs in providing services and programs to the community, and Benicia's limited opportunities to increase revenues to match expenses. For these reasons, we support your endeavors and wish you success.

Sincerely,

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CATHERINE MOY
Mayor

cc: Fairfield City Council
Gonsalves and Son



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MAYOR'S OFFICE

August 28, 2023

The Honorable Anthony Portantino
Chair, Senate Appropriations Committee
State Capitol, Room 412
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 1484 (Zbur): Temporary Public Employees – OPPOSE As Amended May 18, 2023

Dear Senator Portantino:

The City of Fairfield must respectfully **oppose AB 1484**, which would require local public employers to include temporary employees in the same bargaining unit as permanent employees upon request of the recognized employee organization. AB 1484 would be difficult, if not impossible, for public employers to fulfill as the bill includes provisions that conflict with existing law for permanent employees.

The bill's provisions include restrictions on discharging temporary employees, resulting in increased costs to employers and discouraging public agencies from hiring temporary employees. This reduction in employment opportunities would be detrimental to Californians throughout the state seeking temporary work and impact an agency's ability to provide service delivery.

Cities often hire "extra help" employees for seasonal or "surge" needs, such as summer recreation camps, or to meet an increase in building permit submissions. This bill would significantly increase the costs of hiring such employees, thereby reducing service levels to residents. Similarly, temporary employees are frequently hired to backfill permanent employees on leave or temporarily reassigned. This bill would discourage such hiring, leaving positions unfilled and the public unserved.

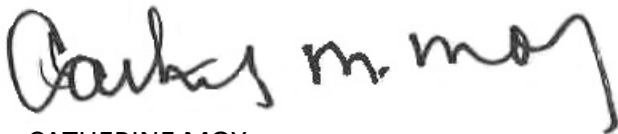
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Furthermore, AB 1484 would have unintended and unpredictable consequences when applied to the myriad existing local programs and the laws governing employees. This includes retired annuitants — whose terms and conditions of employment are strictly controlled by state law in ways that would severely impair any meaningful bargaining — and workers hired through staffing agencies.

Most critically, AB 1484 gives temporary employees more rights than permanent employees. Proposed Section 3507.7(b)(5) provides that "temporary employees...who have been employed for more than 30 calendar days shall be entitled to use any grievance procedure in the memorandum of understanding to challenge any discipline without cause." By contrast, the City of Fairfield's probationary period is at least six months for employees. This probationary period is critical to the hiring process and ensures effective and efficient service delivery to the public.

Temporary employees are hired for a temporary and urgent need. The provisions of this bill severely limit local agencies' ability to utilize this workforce, ultimately impacting our ability to provide services. For these reasons, the City of Fairfield respectfully **opposes AB 1484**.

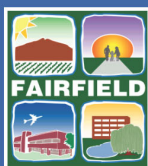
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CATHERINE MOY
Mayor

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cc: The Honorable Rick Zbur, Member, California State Assembly
The Honorable Members, Senate Appropriations Committee
Robert Ingenito, Consultant, Senate Appropriations Committee
Scott Seekatz, Consultant, Senate Republican Caucus
Mary Hernandez, Chief Deputy Legislative Secretary, Office of the Governor
League of California Cities
Fairfield City Council



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MAYOR'S OFFICE

September 7, 2023

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

RE: ACA 13 (Ward) Voting Thresholds. Notice of SUPPORT (As Amended 9/1/2023)

Dear Senator Dodd,

The City of Fairfield supports ACA 13 (Ward), which would require any constitutional amendment proposed by an initiative that increases a vote requirement for future measures to be approved by the same proportion of voters. The measure would also preserve the right of cities to place advisory questions asking voters their opinions on the ballot.

Under current law, a simple majority of voters (50% + 1 vote) may vote to require a supermajority (for example, 66%) voter approval for future action. This framework has given disproportionate power to a small number of voters: Little more than one-third of voters can prevent the enactment of laws that a majority of voters agree upon.

At the local level, this has made it unnecessarily difficult to pass revenue measures dedicated to critical services, such as homelessness and housing, fire, public safety, and roads. For example, from 2001-2018, city revenue measures with a two-thirds vote requirement have enjoyed only a 51% passage rate, compared to a 70% passage rate of all local revenue measures over the same period. The status quo has prevented cities from providing desperately needed services.

ACA 13 addresses this issue by simply requiring any initiative that enhances a voter requirement to pass by that same voter requirement. ACA 13 is a fair, good government proposal that protects the principles of democracy and majority rule.

For these reasons, the City of Fairfield supports ACA 13.

Sincerely,

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CATHERINE MOY
Mayor

cc. Assemblymember Lori Wilson
League of California Cities
Joseph A. Gonsalves & Son



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MAYOR'S OFFICE

September 12, 2023

Honorable Assemblymember Lori Wilson
California State Capitol
1021 O Street, Suite 5150
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Senate Bill 43 (Eggman) Behavioral Health – Notice of Support
(As Amended September 8, 2023)

Dear Assemblymember Wilson,

On behalf of the City of Fairfield City Council, I write to express our support of SB 43 (Eggman), which would modernize portions of California's behavioral health treatment system and social safety net system to ensure that vulnerable individuals with the most acute needs receive access to the care they need.

Specifically, SB 43 modernizes the definition of "gravely disabled" within the Lanterman Petris-Short Act to improve conditions in which individuals experience an inability to provide for their personal safety or necessary medical care because of a severe substance use disorder or a co-occurring disorder. Updating this definition better reflects the contemporary realities present in our communities, ensuring that individuals at risk of significant harm receive the help they need.

Additionally, this measure allows relevant medical history to be considered by the court uniformly across the state by creating a hearsay exemption for information contained in a medical record so all relevant information can be presented and considered by the court. This would ensure that a complete and accurate picture is presented in court when considering the very serious step of conservatorship.

Cities across California are on the front lines of addressing homelessness and need additional tools and resources to end this crisis in our state. We recognize that for unsheltered individuals

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with severe behavioral health needs, access to a comprehensive care system can be essential to addressing their homelessness. That is why the City of Fairfield supports legislation such as SB 43, which takes a comprehensive look at our existing system and makes targeted improvements.

Thank you for your consideration and support.

Sincerely,

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Catherine Moy
Mayor

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League of California Cities
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