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May 16, 2024

The Honorable Mike McGuire
President Pro Tempore
State Capitol, Room 8518
Sacramento, CA 95814

The Honorable Robert Rivas
Speaker of the Assembly
State Capitol, Room 8330
Sacramento, CA 95814

The Honorable Scott Wiener, Chair
Senate Budget & Fiscal Review Committee
State Capitol, Room 8620
Sacramento, CA 95814

The Honorable Jesse Gabriel, Chair
Assembly Budget Committee
State Capitol, Room
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Restore Budget Funding for Regional Early Action Planning Grants of 2021 (REAP 2.0)

Dear President Pro Tempore McGuire, Speaker Rivas, Chair Wiener, and Chair Gabriel:

On behalf of the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors, I respectfully urge you to reject Governor Newsom's 2024-25 budget proposal to cut \$300 million from the REAP 2.0 program - the sole funding source for Green Means Go (GMG).

Sacramento County supports Sacramento Area Council of Government's (SACOG) efforts to secure the full \$600 million investment to advance the implementation of adopted regional plans by funding planning and development activities that accelerate infill housing and reduce vehicle miles traveled. Sacramento County is a member of SACOG and was awarded funding for projects through them, namely the North Watt Avenue Corridor Plan Special Planning Area Update (SPA Update), which is at risk.

The North Watt Avenue SPA Update area is a key transit corridor and infill development priority for the County. The vision of the SPA Update is to transform the corridor from an auto-oriented commercial strip to a vibrant, economically healthy corridor. A key objective of the SPA Update is to provide for a range of by-right housing types and densities supportive of existing and planned transit in a designated Environmental Justice (EJ) Community. By streamlining review and providing by-right development options, implementation of the SPA Update will reduce vehicle miles traveled and Greenhouse Gas Emissions, while providing much needed housing and investment in an EJ Community; and finally, will further the County's mission of Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing in our community. GMG funding is critical to ensure that the vision and objectives of the SPA Update are met.

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The County understands the difficult budget decisions the Legislature must make, but as California's housing and climate crisis worsens, we ask that the Legislature prioritize infill housing to reach the State's climate goals by rejecting cuts to the REAP 2.0 Program. Thank you for your consideration. Please feel free to contact me at (916) 874-4627 or deborde@saccounty.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Elisia De Bord". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Elisia De Bord
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cc: The Honorable Gavin Newsom
Sacramento County Board of Supervisors
Greg Chew, SACOG
Audrey Ratajczak, Cruz Strategies