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County of Sacramento Board of Supervisors

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Via Email

Dear Members of the Board:

EARLY ACTION PLANNING GRANT (JUNE 2 AGENDA, ITEM 23): SUPPORT

We encourage the County to apply for the subject non-competitive grant as recommended by staff. The grant would fund mandated and non-mandated planning activities related to meeting the County's housing needs.

We particularly support the proposed Infill Program planning, which would identify, assess, and seek to remove barriers to developing infill opportunities in the unincorporated County. According to the County's annual General Plan Report for 2019, development of vacant and underutilized land, and revitalization of commercial corridors could provide about 33 thousand new housing units in the unincorporated area.

The Report also notes that nine previously approved growth areas with remaining capacity could accommodate about 48 thousand additional new housing units. We urge you to direct staff to include such approved remaining capacity in the Early Action Grant work.

Taking advantage of infill opportunities and already approved remaining capacity will help provide County housing needs while reducing environmental impacts. We commend staff for this initiative and look forward to your approval.

Thank you for considering our comments and helping direct the County toward sustainable growth.

Sincerely,

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