



*"Small Town Atmosphere
Outstanding Quality of Life"*

June 15, 2021

Measure X Community Advisory Board
c/o Lisa Driscoll, Committee Staff
Contra Costa County

Chair Moore, Members of the Measure X Community Advisory Board:

On behalf of the Town of Danville and our Town Council, I am writing to endorse the work of the Community Crisis Initiative which is requesting Measure X funding for the development of a comprehensive system to respond to behavioral health crises in our communities. The initiative is a partnership between cities from across the county and Contra Costa Health Services to develop a comprehensive community crisis response system that can be accessed by **anyone, anytime, anywhere**.

Since July 2020, a representative group of Contra Costa City Managers have been collaborating with Contra Costa Health Services. Under the sponsorship of this group, a multi-disciplinary team, including law enforcement, community advocates, behavioral health staff, people with lived experience and others looked at existing capacities and created an initial framework where anyone in Contra Costa County can access timely and appropriate behavioral health crisis care anywhere at any time. This team looked at best practices nationally, regionally and locally, and held three week-long workshops to test various aspects of the model. The model includes three components of a comprehensive crisis response system, including a virtual hub (regional call center), crisis response teams and alternate destinations.

Individuals and families involved in these emergency and crisis mental health situations are in need of behavioral health interventions which can be provided as an alternative to law enforcement response. We support the recommendations to develop a comprehensive crisis response system available 24/7 and serving all of the regions and cities in the county.

Given the magnitude of this effort, program costs will be considerable. Full development of this new system will only be realized through stable funding made available through federal resources and the State of California Department of Health Care Services in addition to other sources of funding needed to support the expansion of a comprehensive mobile crisis system with mental health professionals. As cities cannot be relied upon to be significant financial contributors to this effort, potential commitment of Measure X funding to cover some portion of the program costs will go a long way toward making

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sure that mobile crisis services are conducted in an age appropriate, geographically accessible, and culturally competent manner to all residents of Contra Costa County whatever their insurance status may be.

This work is just what Measure X was intended to support, especially since all members of our county and all communities will benefit. We urge the Measure X Community Advisory Board to consider the value of this initiative and to support this effort.

Sincerely,

The Town of Danville

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Renee Morgan". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Renee" and last name "Morgan" clearly distinguishable.

Renee Morgan
Mayor

cc: Town Council
Supervisor Candace Andersen