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Dear Measure X Community Advisory Board,

On behalf of the City of Walnut Creek, 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 community. 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**.

The City of Walnut Creek is co-leading a multi-disciplinary team (comprised of Contra Costa County City Managers, law enforcement, community advocates, behavioral health staff, people with lived experience and others) to design a system where anyone in the County can access timely and appropriate behavioral health crisis care anywhere at anytime. 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.**

It is clear that individuals involved in these emergency and crisis mental health situations are in need of behavioral health interventions. We fully support the recommendations to develop a comprehensive crisis response system available 24/7 and serving all of the regions and cities in the County. The City of Walnut Creek has budgeted \$100,000 to support this effort and urge the Measure X Community Advisory Board to support this effort as well.

Using Measure X funding to support the launch, development and implementation will be vital to making 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. It is a major reason why the City and our community supported Measure X, especially since members of our county and all communities will benefit.

Sincerely,

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