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Measure X Community Advisory Board
County Administrator's Office
1025 Escobar St. 4th Floor
Martinez, CA 94553

RE: Community Crisis Initiative

Dear Measure X Community Advisory Board:

On behalf of the Contra Costa Economic Partnership (CCEP), a 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to promoting economic development and improving the quality of life in Contra Costa County, I write in support of 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.

As a public-private partnership with representation from top administrators from local jurisdictions, as well as some of Contra Costa's largest private sector employers, the CCEP engages business and civic leaders to make the region a better place to live and work. That includes advocating for innovation in practices and policies and supporting those in need of immediate behavioral health interventions. The CCEP is hopeful that potential funding from state and federal sources for mobile crisis response teams and connected services will become a reality and be strengthened by judicious investments by Contra Costa County. Having a well-defined plan and available local funding will increase the likelihood of accessing state and federal dollars and ensure we create a successful and enduring system.

We fully support the recommendations to develop a comprehensive crisis response system available 24/7 and serving all regions and cities in the county.

Warmest regards,

Kristin Connelly
Executive Director