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Date: July 6, 2021

To: Contra Costa County Measure X Advisory Board

From: Pinole City Council

Subject: Support of the Contra Costa County Executive Fire Chiefs' Request for Measure X Funding to Address Critical Community Fire and Emergency Services Needs

Dear Board Members,

The Pinole City Council submits this letter supporting the Contra Costa County Executive Fire Chiefs' request for \$28.85M (and \$27.35M annually thereafter) in County Measure X funding to:

- Reopen five (5) closed fire stations and add 45 firefighters countywide
- Mitigate extreme wildfire danger
- Address aging facilities and infrastructure
- Improve training facilities
- Update communications/emergency operations centers
- Improve emergency preparedness/planning
- Support diversity and inclusion in the workforce

Council shares the County Chiefs' confidence that these measures will reduce countywide community risk through:

- Improved response times
- Increased services for underserved communities
- Equitable distribution of services
- Operational and administrative efficiencies

A robust fire service delivery model is a top priority for our citizens in Pinole, especially given the designated Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone (VHFHSZ) in which many of our residents live. Moreover, the scarcity of West County hospital emergency room services since the closure of Doctor's Medical Centers in Pinole and San Pablo, resulting in reliance on firefighters as first-line medical assistance for many of our underserved citizens, underscores Pinole's local concern within the broader context of the regional risk reduction strategy proposed by the County Chiefs.

In addition to serving our local citizens, the Pinole Fire Department (along with Richmond FD) serves the County's interests by responding to the emergency needs of residents in the unincorporated County areas of Tara Hills, Bay View, and Montalvin Manor. With regard to the Advisory Board's commitment to equity, Montalvin Manor, as defined in SB 1000, is a "Disadvantaged Community" as is Rodeo, which the Pinole FD serves in support of the Rodeo-Hercules Fire Protection District through our County Battalion 7 automatic aid agreement.

Council agrees that this regional approach represents an equitable and sustainable solution to the issue of providing critical life-saving emergency response services countywide, and we urge the Measure X Advisory Board to approve the County Chiefs' proposal as requested.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Norma Martínez-Rubin". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Norma" and last name "Rubin" being more prominent than the middle name "Martínez".

Norma Martínez-Rubin
Mayor
City of Pinole

cc. Honorable Members of the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors
 County Administrator Nino
 County Finance Director Driscoll
 Contra Costa County Executive Fire Chiefs