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To: Lisa Driscoll
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Hello Ms. Driscoll,

As a longtime Contra Cost and Danville resident, I am writing to you to urge your support for Measure X funding. My family and I hope you can allocate the \$12+ million in funds to purchase body cameras, car cameras, and most importantly, more deputies, sergeants, detectives and additional support personnel. I have seen first-hand, many of the challenges faced by our Police Officers when it comes to dealing with quality-of-life emergencies. It feels like the continued increase in mental health problems, domestic dispute issues and other non-crime related pain points is becoming far too great for our limited resources to handle. I can think of fewer ways that our tax dollars would be better spent than improving the ability to respond to a crisis with the right tool and at the same time, free up resources to make our town safer.

We seem to be at a unique inflection point, if not in history, certainly in my life. The confluence of rising mental health problems at all ages, homelessness, increased property crime, increased violent crime and general social unrest makes this the perfect time to try something different. We need to find the necessary resources and capital to invest in making our community a better place to live. It seems that Measure X funding is the first, necessary step in the process. It feels almost obvious to me that failing to take this course will result in higher costs from the unresolved problems along with further deterioration in the quality life for all concerned. If I could point my tax dollars in a specific direction, this would certainly be my first choice.

Please let me know if you have any questions or would like to discuss this. I hope you can find the necessary support to make this move a reality, and look forward to seeing the positive results. Thank you for your time and attention.

All the best,

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