



February 2, 2023

Supervisor John Gioia, Chair, Finance Committee Chair
Supervisor Federal Glover, Finance Committee member

cc: Board of Supervisors members Candace Andersen, Diane Burgis, and Ken Carlson
Monica Nino, Chief Administrative Officer
Adam Nguyen, County Finance Director
Tim Ewell, Chief Assistant County Administrator

Dear Finance Committee members Gioia and Glover:

When the Budget Justice Coalition presented at the annual Budget retreat, the Budget Justice Coalition (BJC) supported the County's commitment to focusing on equity. BJC lauds this public commitment to equity and looks forward to partnering with County leaders to explore and implement specifically around the budget process. We highlighted models that have worked for many counties across the United States and provided you with recommendations on engaging community to be part of the process.

As a Coalition that supports inclusive, transparent, and resident-led priority setting in all aspects of the county budgeting process, we are writing today to share our expectations and concerns regarding the ongoing role of the Measure X Community Advisory Board in representing and modeling a strong and community-inclusive public budgeting process.

In addition, we request clarification regarding the intended disposition of the approximately \$36.2 million in projected surplus Measure X revenue. What process and criteria will be employed to allocate these remaining funds? How will residents and community stakeholders provide input on funding priorities?

The Board of Supervisors has a responsibility to the County and to the broader community to ensure that the public is regularly informed about the status and impact of Measure X-funded projects, and that stakeholders continue to have access to an ongoing forum in which to share community-driven needs, ideas, and feedback. We urge you to support MXCAB to continue serving in this vital role of sharing Measure X information with the public, building trust and engagement with diverse communities, serving as ambassadors to assure the public of the integrity of the Measure X allocation process and conveying timely information on the status and impacts of Measure X-funded programs and services.

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On behalf of the members of Budget Justice Coalition,



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Contra Costa Immigrant Rights Alliance
Contra Costa Labor Council
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East Contra Costa Community Alliance
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Partnership Food Bank of Contra Costa
Great Richmond Interfaith Program
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League of Women Voters Diablo Valley
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