



June 22, 2021

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 East Bay Leadership Council (EBLC), a regional public policy and advocacy organization representing hundreds of employers across Contra Costa and Alameda Counties, 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. In alignment with our sister organization, the Contra Costa Economic Partnership, the EBLC supports County's and cities' collaborative effort to reinvent mental health crisis response.

Our organization is invested in improving the quality of life in the East Bay, that includes advocating for innovation in practices and policies and supporting those in need of immediate behavioral health interventions. The EBLC 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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kristin Connelly". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Kristin" and last name "Connelly" clearly legible.

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