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June 20, 2023

The Honorable Gavin Newsom
1021 O Street, Suite 9000
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: City of Fresno Public Infrastructure Plan - \$250 million

Dear Governor:

The Fresno County Board of Supervisors is writing to express our strong support for full funding of \$250 million for the City of Fresno's Public Infrastructure Plan proposed in your May Revise budget. Currently this funding is proposed to be reduced to \$50 million in the Legislature's budget. As members of the Fresno County Board of Supervisors, the full funding of \$250 million will be transformative for the small businesses, property owners, merchants and families who live and work in the Downtown Fresno community.

For decades, Fresno's downtown core has been overlooked and neglected. However, our community has come together over the last fifteen years and done the hard work to prepare Downtown Fresno for investment. Thousands of residents engaged in nearly seven years of community planning that resulted in the policy and regulatory changes needed to support housing and investment in our urban core. Our community has embraced by-right development and has even pre-zoned Downtown Fresno for more than 75,000 housing units, which means housing can be developed at scale and without further reviews and delays.

These funds were originally a part of the \$300 million in the Local Government Sustainability Fund, which was intended to support areas with high unemployment and high poverty to develop a more climate-resilient local economy and pursue economic diversification initiatives. The May revise reallocated \$250 million out of this fund to the City of Fresno for the Public Infrastructure Plan. In addition to restoring the allocation from the Legislature's proposed \$50 million to \$250 million, we are also requesting funding be allocated to the Local Government Sustainability Fund for use by Central Valley Counties for the intended purpose of this fund.

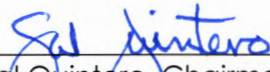
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The Governor's Public Infrastructure Plan for the City of Fresno will result in 10,000 new housing units within the next five years at a time when the County lacks at least 40,000 housing units. In addition, this investment will support small businesses, prevailing wage jobs, and public amenities like parks and urban greening for the thousands of families who live in and around Downtown Fresno.


In short, our community has done the hard work to remove barriers and prepare the way for housing and reinvestment in its urban core. We are grateful to have the opportunity to partner with the State of California to ensure a bright and vibrant future for Downtown Fresno. I urge your support for the full investment of \$250 million for the City of Fresno's Public Infrastructure Plan.

Sincerely,


Fresno County Board of Supervisors



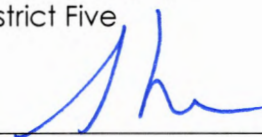
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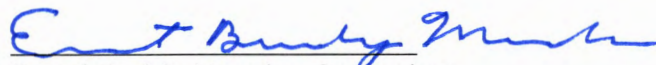
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The Honorable Toni G. Atkins, Senate President pro Tempore
The Honorable Philip Ting, Chair, Assembly Committee on Budget
The Honorable Nancy Skinner, Chair, Senate Committee on Budget
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