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June 9, 2020

The Honorable Gavin Newsom
Governor, State of California
State Capitol, First Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: URGENT State Action to Preserve the Safety Net Services

Dear Governor Newsom:

On behalf of the County of Placer, I urge your support for the proposed \$1 billion in the Legislature's proposed Fiscal Year 2020-21 budget, which will ensure critical safety net programs are protected to preserve vital services to our shared constituents. As you are aware all counties, including Placer, provide core services on behalf of the State that span human services, public health, behavioral health, and public safety, which are the foundation of our communities and are a shared fiscal responsibility. Without this funding, our county will be forced to decimate safety net services in many of these critical areas.

The County is estimating a reduction \$6.8M which may impact the following programs and services:

- Reductions in emergency child welfare and family reunification services
- Reductions in mental health services for the seriously mentally ill, including children
- Reductions in the ability to institute mobile crisis units and housing support programs
- Reductions in primary care services, resulting in longer wait times for adults and children
- Reductions in adult protective services, resulting in delays in investigations and responses
- Reductions in IHSS intakes / redeterminations, resulting in not meeting mandated timelines
- Reductions in Public Health education and prevention programs for adults and youth
- Reductions in the delivery of in-custody rehabilitation and training programs in local jails
- Reductions in law enforcement ability to police and monitor high-risk offenders
- Reductions in Probation rehabilitation services, resulting in fewer youth re-entry programs
- Reductions in foster care / group home placement of children
- Reductions in Health and Social Service treatment programs and services for youth
- Reductions in treatment and housing services for those in the criminal justice system
- Reductions in educational and vocational services for youth in detention facilities

In the last fiscal downturn, the County-State financial relationship after the 1991 and 2011 realignment became more reliant on the recovering economy with sales tax revenues funding services realigned to counties. The large projections of realignment revenue declines reinforce the need to fund both the 1991 and 2011 realignment. This will ensure an equitable spread of funding across services such as public health, behavioral health, social services, and public safety.

If the proposed realignment funds are not included in the final budget agreement, there will not be a robust and functioning public health safety net to begin moving forward. State realignment funding is essential to all of us to move California into recovery. Please continue to actively support this particular element to ensure it is included in the final negotiated budget package.

Thank you for your attention and action on this effort to protect safety net services. You may contact Joel Joyce, Senior Management Analyst, at jjoyce@placer.ca.gov or at (530) 889-4026 should you have any questions.

Sincerely,
COUNTY of PLACER

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bonnie M. Gore". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being the most prominent.

Bonnie Gore, Chair (District 1)
Placer County Board of Supervisors

Cc: Placer County Board of Supervisors
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