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OAKDALE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT



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The Honorable Bill O'Brien, Supervisor Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors 1010 10th Street Modesto, CA 95354

Re: Redevelopment Agency Allocation of Tax Increment Funds

Dear Supervisor O'Brien:

The Oakdale Fire Protection District (the "District") requests immediate consideration by the County Board of Supervisors sitting as the County Redevelopment Agency ("RDA") for the Valley Home Project Plan area to contractually commit the transfer of uncommitted RDA funds to satisfy existing District operational expenses or indebtedness to prevent the funds being transferred to the State of California.

This request is based on the certainty that the Governor's proposal to dismantle RDAs will be successfully implemented through Legislation.

Stated plainly, in order to avoid the referenced RDAs' tax increment dollars going to Sacramento the District respectfully suggests that your Board consider how some of those tax increment funds can be utilized for local public benefit to address issues associated with the services that the District provides to address blight in those redevelopment areas for use by the District to refinance District indebtedness as well as to acquire District equipment for its personnel to facilitate public safety needs.

The District requests that the Board direct County staff to further review and implement this request.

Thank you for your review of this matter.

Very truly yours,
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Sherry Schlegel Chairperson

Oakdale Fire District Board of Directors