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The Honorable Anna Caballero
California State Senate
State Capitol, Room 5052
Sacramento, CA 95814

The Honorable Robert Rivas
California State Assembly
State Capitol, Room 5158
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Support for the City of Hollister Fire Department 2022 Legislative Budget Request

Dear Honorable Senator Caballero and Honorable Assemblymember Rivas:

On behalf of the San Benito County Board of Supervisors, thank you for your work and commitment to improving the lives of all Californians. We express support for the Hollister Fire department legislative request. The Hollister Fire Department has identified projects for the City of Hollister. Along with neighboring communities through Auto Aid and Mutual Aid Agreements, the City has a significant gain in services if selected to be funded with this grant. Projects that have been identified are as follow:

- They requested an amount of \$6 million for an Emergency Operations Center (EOC) – to provide an emergency response center in the interest of Public Safety. The EOC would be located at a centralized location. All emergency responders need to be identified and available to support emergency response, business continuity, and crisis communications during and after major incidents.
- Requested amount of \$5.5 million for permanent placement of Fire Station 3 - to meet Fire Emergency needs and requirements to the North End of the City which protects the Hollister Municipal Airport and significant businesses – for New construction of building structure; and Improvement/remodel of Airport Hangar – identified location Hollister Municipal Airport;

We support the City of Hollister fire department and support all enhanced access to rural areas of San Benito County to decrease response time. Every second could be the difference between life, death, destruction of property, and uncontrollable fires.

Sincerely,

Bea Gonzales
Chair of the Board of Supervisors
San Benito County

cc: City of Hollister

