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October 27, 2008

The Honorable Senator Dianne Feinstein
United States Senate
331 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510-0504

Dear Senator Feinstein:

Support – An Economic Stimulus Proposal for County Government

On behalf of the San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors, I want to express our support for an economic stimulus proposal which would provide assistance to the County in meeting the needs of our residents. The Central Valley region of California has been especially impacted by home foreclosures, resulting in reduced revenues and increased costs for essential public services. San Joaquin County ranks within the top five jurisdictions in the State and in the nation as most severely impacted by the housing foreclosure crisis. The rate of unemployment in San Joaquin County was 10.2% in August and September 2008 – well above the national average, and is anticipated to grow in the coming months. It is vital that Congress approve an economic stimulus package that would provide San Joaquin County with resources that will ensure the provision of critical safety-net medical, social, and public safety services.

We are particularly supportive of the following elements of an economic stimulus proposal:

- **Ready-to-Go Infrastructure Projects** – Attached is a list of infrastructure projects that San Joaquin County can initiate within 30-60 days of the receipt of funding from the federal government. These projects include deferred maintenance and investments in our future. These projects will provide employment opportunities as well as the purchase of goods and services, creating additional economic stimulus. We support a program that would deliver these funds directly to the County to expedite the application process.
- **Additional Medicaid Funding** – As the operator of a public hospital, the additional Medicaid funding would assist the County in continuing the provision of safety-net health care services to our residents who have no other alternative for medical care. In addition, the County supports including into pending legislation, a moratorium on the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Proposed Rule 0009-P. The CMS Proposed Rule will upgrade the standard set of codes for medical diagnoses from the International Classification of Diseases (ICD) Revision 9, to the ICD 10 version by October 2011. It is vital that any transition to the ICD 10 be aligned with the release of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders version V in 2012, and that the anticipated fiscal impacts to local government are clearly accounted for in the overall transition plan.

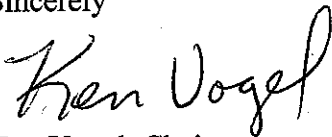
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During this critical economic period, as we face a depressed real estate market, lay-offs in both private and public sectors, and a general slow-down in the overall economy, we look to the federal government as an essential partner in our recovery. The State of California is unable to provide financial assistance due to its current budgetary shortfall. We appreciate your continued support for programs that serve the County's residents.

Thank you for your attention to our support of an economic stimulus proposal so vital to our mutual constituents. If the County can be of any assistance on this matter, please contact me at (209) 468-3113, or Manuel Lopez, County Administrator, at (209) 468-3203.

Sincerely



Ken Vogel, Chairman
San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors

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Following is a list of San Joaquin County infrastructure projects that currently lack funding and could begin within 30-60 days of receiving federal funds:

A) Infrastructure Projects	Amount Requested
1. Stockton Metropolitan Airport - Upgrade of Instrument Landing System (ILS)	\$ 4,845,000
The Airport currently has a Category I ILS for the primary runway. With Category II capability, the Airport would attract additional tenants requiring low-visibility operations (air cargo and passenger airlines).	
2. Regional Public Safety Communication Project – Phase I	\$ 2,446,000
First Responders and Public Safety agencies in the County have jointly adopted a Master Radio Communications Plan. This project provides the tools needed to effectively communicate in an emergency. (Total Estimated Project Cost: \$22 million)	
3. Public Hospital Electronic Health Records System – Clinical Data Repository	\$ 900,000
The Clinical Data Repository is a web-enabled health care information system that brings together clinical and financial data. This system would provide a single source for clinicians to obtain real-time information for patients' medical care.	
4. Robert J. Cabral Agricultural Center - Solar Energy Phase II	\$ 2,500,000
Phase I of the Agricultural Center's solar energy project is anticipated to offset approximately 15% of the electric usage. Phase II of the project is anticipated to offset the remaining 85% usage.	
5. Community Park Renovations – Giannone and Garden Acres	\$ 400,000
Construct water-oriented play areas for children at two community parks located in the County's economic depressed areas. The estimated project cost is \$200,000 per location.	
6. Americans with Disability Act (ADA) Upgrades to Public Defender's Offices	\$ 2,000,000
Upgrades and improvements needed for the building to meet ADA requirements.	
7. Stockton Metropolitan Airport - Landscape Project	\$ 800,000
Landscape and pedestrian access improvements and gateway monument on Airport Way frontage road.	
8. Stockton Metropolitan Airport - General Aviation Apron and Taxiway Reconstruction	\$ 5,900,000
Reconstruct eastern section of existing general aviation apron and existing taxiway (H) to provide protection from erosion.	
B) Public Works - Equipment Needs	
1. Road Maintenance	\$4,640,000
2. Solid Waste	\$2,260,000
3. Channel Maintenance	\$2,113,000

C) Public Works - Infrastructure Projects	Amount Requested
TRAFFIC PROJECTS	
1. Traffic Signal & Advance Warning Lamp Replacement	\$ 307,000
2. Austin Road & Arch Road Traffic Signal	\$ 473,000
3. Eleventh Street Emergency Signal Repairs	\$ 367,000
4. Roadway Striping-High Reflective Markings on High-Speed/Volume Roads	\$ 2,365,000
5. Tyre-Grip Installation – Eleventh Street	\$ 768,000
6. Profiled Thermoplastic Pavement Striping	\$ 350,000
FLOOD CONTROL	
7. Channel Maintenance Tree Work	\$ 350,000
8. Bear Creek/Calaveras Fence Removal/Replacement	\$ 100,000
9. Channel Maintenance Work on Calaveras West of I-5	\$ 100,000
10. Mormon Slough Maintenance/Repair	\$ 100,000
11. Smith Canal Improvement Engineering	\$ 3,000,000
12. Reclamation District 17 Levee Improvements	\$ 10,000,000
13. Reclamation District 2074 – 10-Mile Levee Seepage	\$ 12,000,000
14. Reclamation District 403 Environmental Studies	\$ 2,500,000
15. SJAFCA Levee Geotechnical Engineering	\$ 10,000,000
SYSTEM PRESERVATION	
16. Wagner Road Bridge Epoxy Crack Seal	\$ 98,000
17. Jack Tone Bridge Scour Mitigation	\$ 100,000
18. Woodbridge Streets Resurfacing	\$ 489,000
19. Lower Sacramento Road Improvements (Old Town)	\$ 3,390,000
20. Overhiser Road Resurfacing	\$ 336,000
21. Flag City Streets Resurfacing	\$ 1,210,000
22. Morada Water Systems Emergency Interconnect	\$ 2,589,000
23. Arch Road Resurfacing	\$ 508,000
24. Waller Road and Childress Road Resurfacing	\$ 152,000
25. Avena Road Resurfacing	\$ 929,000
26. Ad Art Rd., Farm St., Gertrude St., & Miner Ave. Resurfacing	\$ 323,000
27. Deck Seal Bridge Projects	\$ 216,000
28. Scour Countermeasure Bridge Projects	\$ 1,216,000
29. Barrier Rails Bridge Projects	\$ 703,000
30. Approach Slab/Expansion Joints Bridge Projects	\$ 3,063,000
31. Ferry Ramps Repairs Projects	\$ 425,000
IMPROVEMENTS	
32. Bird Road/SR 132 Interchange	\$ 23,000,000
33. North County Sanitary Landfill	\$ 3,872,000
34. Cardinal Avenue Realignment	\$ 797,000
35. Sidewalk Accessibility Improvements	\$ 719,000
36. Sidewalk Safety Gap	\$ 23,000
37. Van Allen Road Bridge	\$ 178,000
38. Lower Sacramento Road Improvements	\$ 3,400,000