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Memorandum

Date: **January 5, 2021**

To: **The Honorable Lake County Board of Supervisors**

From: **District 2 Supervisor, Bruno Sabatier**

Subject: **Consideration of Letter of Support for Lake County Fairgrounds**

Executive Summary: (include fiscal and staffing impact narrative):
Lake County Fairgrounds is struggling during this pandemic. Its largest revenue streams are based on activities and events that occur annually on its 65-acre property. However, due to COVID-19, many, if not all, of these events have been cancelled or postponed until further notice. Two sources of funds have been held back due to re-interpretations or specific criteria.

AB 1499 was written to ensure that the state would provide ¾ of 1% of the revenue from fairgrounds statewide. This was passed in October 2017. However, due to internal department changes in the state, Assemblymember Gray, who authored the bill, allowed it to take more time to be implemented. It is now being implemented and the numbers approved for the budget show a fiscal year representation versus a calendar year representation of the 1%. Fairgrounds work on a calendar year according to Gray and the state works on a fiscal year. This has almost dropped the available resources via AB1499 by half. Attached is a letter from Assemblymember Gray reacting to this change.

The governor's budget has set aside $40.3 million for fairgrounds. However, this money could only be accessed if all staff had been laid off. Many fairgrounds have had limited access to this pot of money for varying reasons, leaving approximately $21.9 million left. The governor has the chance to

revise his budget in January and I would like to request that he change the criteria for access and the use of those funds so that our fairgrounds can be carried through this pandemic and continue to serve the people of Lake County, especially with its social venues and its dedication to highlighting our local agriculture.

Our fairgrounds are important to Lake County for the simple fact that it is one of the venues in our communities to offer that kind of space for activities. And due to the space, it is also a great property to use for stage emergency teams such as CalFire and others when we need assistance. Losing our fairgrounds is not something that Lake County needs to see happen during this pandemic, therefore I have written this letter that if approved will be sent to Governor Newsom, our state representatives, and CDFA.

If not budgeted, fill in the blanks below only:
Estimated Cost: _____ Amount Budgeted: _____ Additional Requested: _____ Future Annual Cost: _____

Consistency with Vision 2028 and/or *Fiscal Crisis Management Plan* (check all that apply):   ☐ Not applicable
☐ Well-being of Residents   ☒ Public Safety   ☐ Infrastructure   ☐ *Technology Upgrades*
☐ Economic Development   ☐ Disaster Recovery   ☐ County Workforce   ☒ *Revenue Generation*
☒ Community Collaboration   ☐ Business Process Efficiency   ☐ Clear Lake   ☐ *Cost Savings*

If request for exemption from competitive bid in accordance with County Code Chapter 2 Sec. 2-38, fill in blanks below:

Which exemption is being requested?
How long has Agreement been in place?
When was purchase last rebid?
Reason for request to waive bid?

Recommended Action: Approve the letter of support for our Lake County Fairgrounds