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Sacramento County Board of Supervisors
700 H Street, Suite 2450
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Re: Fair Oaks Boulevard Corridor Plan

Dear Supervisors:

This letter is written on behalf of the Carmichael Creek Neighborhood Association requesting the Board of Supervisors' continued support and endorsement of the Fair Oaks Boulevard Corridor Plan (Plan) and the County staff's recommendation that the Plan move forward for environmental review. This represents an important step towards final approval of a plan that has long been in development starting with the Carmichael Community Action Plan.

Carmichael Creek Neighborhood Association is completely bounded by Fair Oaks Boulevard and the American River. As a consequence, Fair Oaks Boulevard is an essential part of our neighborhood. For a number of years, the Carmichael Creek Neighborhood Association and its members have actively participated in the planning process and have continuously urged Sacramento County to focus its attention on revitalizing the weary Fair Oaks Boulevard corridor so that it better reflects the vibrant neighborhoods that surround it.

Throughout the development of the Carmichael Community Action Plan and the Fair Oaks Boulevard Concept Plan, a wide variety of participants including homeowners, business owners and renters have expressed a common desire to develop a community identity using Fair Oaks Boulevard to unify and create a sense of place. The concept of a "main street" was a key component.

The Plan, however, goes well beyond providing a land use plan for that portion of Fair Oaks Boulevard designated as the main street. The Plan provides Sacramento County and Carmichael with a roadmap for implementing the community's vision for Fair Oaks from Oak Avenue to California Avenue and Manzanita Avenue to Winding Way. The Plan incorporates design and planning principles that reflect the community's desire for smart growth and a walkable community with businesses that focus on the needs of the residents rather than auto-dependent enterprises.

Some concern has been expressed within the community that the Plan creates a Hobson's choice: that by promoting the goals set out in the Plan the community is being asked to accept increased traffic on California Avenue and other adjacent neighborhood streets. As residents living adjacent to California Avenue we have experienced a definite increase in traffic on

California Avenue. We believe, however, that the policies set forth in the Fair Oaks Boulevard Corridor Plan can be implemented without sacrificing adjacent neighborhood streets, particularly California Avenue, Landis Avenue or Stanley Avenue. We would encourage the Board of Supervisors to consider as part of the environmental review process the possibility of implementing other traffic calming measures in addition to the existing four-way stops as a means of mitigating the potential increase and speed of traffic.

Furthermore, in anticipation of the Plan's eventual approval, the Carmichael Creek Neighborhood Association would also encourage the Board of Supervisors to institute suitable training of the relevant County staff and the Carmichael-Old Foothill Farms Community Planning Commission of the requirements of the Plan to ensure that future decisions are made consistent with the goals, policies and objectives of the Plan.

The Carmichael Creek Neighborhood Association is grateful for the continued support shown by the Board of Supervisors for the Plan throughout the planning process. We encourage the Board to endorse the Plan and direct staff to conduct the environmental review necessary for the Plan to be completed and approved.

Very truly yours,

CARMICHAEL CREEK NEIGHBORHOOD
ASSOCIATION, INC.

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