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City Manager

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Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Ventura
800 South Victoria Avenue
Ventura, CA 93009

RE: Item 56-One New, Regular, Full-Time Equivalent Position – District Attorney's Office – East County Family Justice Center – Notice of Support

Dear Supervisors:

On behalf of the City of Thousand Oaks, I wanted to voice our strong support for item 56, the addition of one position in the District Attorney's Office to direct activities associated with siting and opening a Family Justice Center in eastern Ventura County.

At their annual goal and priority setting session on May 23, 2023, the Thousand Oaks City Council voted to add the following language to their public safety priority for the coming year "advocate and support a potential 'Family Justice Center' presence in Thousand Oaks plus additional County services to the City and other East County cities".

With nearly 20% of victims utilizing the current Ventura facility being residents of eastern Ventura County, the data unequivocally demonstrates the true need for locating such a use in closer proximity. The addition of this position will undoubtedly accelerate progress in addressing this priority. The City of Thousand Oaks welcomes any opportunity to collaborate with our County partners in citing a facility in eastern Ventura County to eliminate or minimize any obstacles to accessing essential services.

Sincerely,



Andrew P. Powers
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