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Ms. Megan Kirkeby
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California Department of Housing and Community Development
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Sacramento, CA 95833

Subject: Support for the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency's Higher Impact Transportation Allocation of the Regional Early Action Planning Grant Application

Dear Ms. Kirkeby:

I am writing on behalf of El Dorado County to express support for the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency's (TRPA) Regional Early Action Planning Grants of 2021 (REAP 2.0) Higher Impact Transformative (HIT) Allocation grant application.

The HIT allocation of REAP 2.0 funding makes \$30 million available across the state to eligible entities that pursue innovative approaches to advancing its program goals, which are investing in housing, planning, and infill housing-supportive infrastructure in a manner that reduces vehicle miles traveled, increases housing affordability, and advances equity. Through the HIT grant opportunity, REAP 2.0 seeks to accelerate infill housing development, reduce vehicle miles traveled, increase housing supply at all affordability levels, affirmatively further fair housing, and facilitates the implementation of adopted regional and local plans to achieve these goals.

While TRPA is the fiscal agent, it is coordinating and collaborating closely with partners in the Lake Tahoe Basin, including El Dorado County, Placer County, City of South Lake Tahoe, Washoe Tribe of California and Nevada, and others to pursue this funding opportunity. The County fully supports TRPA's HIT grant application, which proposes to use the funds to update key policies in the Regional Plan, such as its Transfer of Development Rights and Growth Management Program to address unintended consequences such as displacement and increasing housing costs. The proposal includes a robust community engagement process that promotes more inclusive and healthy communities and employs place-based strategies that have been shaped by community-identified needs and input.

The County looks forward to being an involved partner with respect to the HIT grant application and, if successful, hopes to use the funds to accelerate affordable housing, reduce vehicle miles traveled, and implement local plans to achieve these goals in the Tahoe Basin. This grant would

help the County meet its goals and policies in the County's Strategic Plan and General Plan. With respect to the County's Strategic Plan, the grant would support the following two goals: Economic Development by providing attainable housing options – balance jobs with housing and Healthy Communities by achieving sufficient and attainable housing for all County residents. The grant would also support the County's Strategic Plan Goal 2.10, which is to coordinate the County's land use planning efforts in the Tahoe Basin with TRPA, and, specifically, Policy 2.10.1.2 – the County shall work with TRPA to identify affordable housing opportunities without jeopardizing attainment of environmental thresholds and Policy 2.10.1.3 – the County shall work with TRPA to identify and prioritize the completion of additional community plans within the County's jurisdiction in the Tahoe Basin.

Sincerely,

Lori Parlin
Chair, El Dorado County Board of Supervisors

CC: Julie Regan, Executive Director, Tahoe Regional Planning Agency