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Dear Supervisors,

Growing up and living in El Dorado County has been a privilege, not a necessity. My mother grew up on a farm in Iowa, but when she married and moved to this county she embraced its history and made it part of her children's curriculum to learn and connect its issues to what was happening worldwide. As president of the El Dorado County Historical Society, it is with tremendous pleasure to be a part of the team formed to preserve and restore 515 and 525 main. The history behind these structures is another living illustration into a pivotal time in the county's history as well as our nations. Since the initial negotiations with the county for the acquisition of these "surplus properties" in 2020, amid the global pandemic and business shut-downs, the El Dorado County Historical Society team envisioned and developed a plan for these buildings to be a community asset and created the Gold Rush 1848 non-profit group dedicated solely to this project.

This process has come a long way since the County of El Dorado first informed the Historical Society of the intended liquidation of these county structures back in April 2020. This has been a focused endeavor to secure and meet all conditions agreed upon in our negotiations. I am confident that you will take the timeline of our relations with you in perspective and acknowledge the integrity of our team as we have been led to understand the County not only accepted our proposal, entered negotiations, agreed upon the terms and accepted funds into an escrow account for the purchase.

We are eager to complete this step and begin the next process; preservation of this unique historical niche in the timeline of the city of Placerville and creation of a center for research, information and education for the community and the many diverse interests who come to El Dorado County to learn about our recreation, agriculture, products, businesses and our History.

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