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Dear Honorable Supervisors,

I was pleased to read in the Chief Administrative Office's memo about the FY 2024-25 Mid-Year Budget Report that: "Due to the County's conservative approach to budgeting, there are usually unspent funds at the end of the year, which can be used to fund the following year's needs." In addition the agenda item's CAO's recommendation states: "... if needed, provide direction to staff."

I respectfully request that our BOS provide directions to address the concerns I am hearing concerning the perceived elimination of EDC's fiscal support for the county wide events sponsored by the Hwy 50 Association, Save the Graves and Arts and Culture, El Dorado. Also there are concerns with the perceived elimination of EDC's decades of fiscal support for our community partners in the promotion of sustainable tourism: Chambers of Commerce, Greater Sacramento Economic Council, and 50 Economic Alliance.

Perhaps these concerns can be addressed by clarifying the desire of the BOS to consider General Fund revenue sources other than Transient Occupancy Taxes for continuing decades of BOS' fiscal support for important community partnerships such as with the Wagon Train and with the EDC Film Commission, Such consideration by our BOS is my interpretation of the minutes for the BOS meeting on 2/11/25. My understanding from watching the video of this meeting is that the BOS is open to considering including programs funded by 24-25 TOT funds in the 25-26 Recommended Budget with another General Fund funding source. Perhaps from the increased projection for unspent funds in this Mid Year Report.

Sincerely,
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