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To: El Dorado County Board of Supervisors
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From: Maureen Dion-Perry, President
Frank Porter, Vice-President

Date: April 6, 2026

Re: April 7, 2026 BOS Meeting, Agenda Item 4 - Acquisition of Placerville Armory

I'm writing to express our concern and surprise that the BOS is now trying to acquire the Placerville Armory property.

We're trying to understand the rationale behind spending County staff time and money on acquiring the Armory property, when this property has been made available by the State of California to the City of Placerville at no cost for the express purpose of developing affordable/workforce housing.

This property along with 75 other state properties throughout California were made available in 2019 to local jurisdictions, like the City of Placerville, for the express purpose of building affordable workforce housing.

Jamboree Housing worked collaboratively with the City of Placerville for 4 years planning and expended approximately \$800,000 in pre development studies, engineering, design work, extensive public hearings, etc. to gain entitlements for the construction of Clementine apartments on this vacant Placerville Armory property. The Clementine project would have resulted in approximately 84 units of urgently needed

workforce housing, \$45 million in new construction funding, construction jobs, sales tax revenue, etc. and was going to be built on Armory property that was being essentially donated by the State of California. Many of the county's staff members would have been eligible to live in this new community. By mid 2024, the Clementine apartments were largely funded and ready to start construction in 2025. Unfortunately, the BOS took a series of actions that sabotaged and eventually put an end to the construction of Jamboree Housing's Clementine apartments on the Armory property.

So, my question would be, does the county have a development plan and funding to complete a project on Placerville Armory property that will meet a public need and/or create substantial economic activity in the immediate future? Or is the county just acquiring property to leave idle and vacant for another 10 years? If there's some local agency or organization that has solid development plans for this land, then they should step up and explain those plans.

Until there's a clear explanation on why the BOS would spend time and effort to acquire the Placerville Armory, I suggest that this consent item be tabled and brought back with a clear plan and funding for utilizing this property for urgently needed affordable housing, which is what the State of California is offering the land for, or at minimum, a defined project that is funded and ready to go.

Otherwise, why would the county want to acquire this property?

Sincerely,

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