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July 31, 2012

Honorable Anthony Kennedy
Associate Justice, United States Supreme Court
One First Street N.E.
Washington, D.C. 20543

Re: Executive Branch Presence on the West Coast

Dear Honorable Justice Kennedy,

On behalf of El Dorado County as Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, I am writing to you, as the most prominent and acclaimed former resident of the Sacramento region, for your advice and assistance.

The County would like to extend an offer to the executive branch of the federal government to explore the opportunity to locate a western presence in the region; and we would like to solicit your input on how best to proceed.

El Dorado County's location in the heart of California makes it an ideal location for a Western United States presidential presence. The State Capitol in Sacramento is less than 30 miles away locating the County midway between the Pacific Rim shipping ports of San Diego and Portland. Three nearby Interstate Highways provide ground transportation to San Francisco, Los Angeles, and the neighboring states of Nevada and Oregon.

Our county has several landowners who support our interest to attract a West Coast Executive Branch residence. The western slope of El Dorado County is in a rural setting, yet surprisingly close to the urban services and facilities. I am proud of our County as it

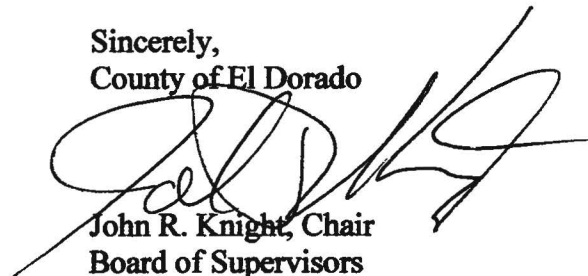
symbolizes the robust and rugged character of the west, the inherent natural beauty of the State and the enduring spirit of ingenuity that reflects all Californians.

The prosperity of El Dorado County that brought California into the Union with the discovery of gold in 1849 exists today with our unwavering commitment to natural resource conservation and leadership in environmental management, for over half of the County's land area is federally designated as Wilderness Areas and National Forests. Yet, with its deep-rooted reverence to rural heritage, the County is on the cutting edge of technical advancement with innovative business parks and outstanding urban infrastructure. Geographically, our county stretches from grazing ranchlands to the mighty Sierra Nevada Mountain Range, with beautiful oak woodlands and timber forests in between.

Regarding air transportation, three major airports, Sacramento International Airport, McClellan Airport and Mather Airport, provide regional and international air access. Sacramento International Airport, which has recently undergone a \$1 billion expansion, provides direct flights throughout many locations in North America such as Washington, D.C., and New York as well as Mexico. Two former Air Force Bases, McClellan and Mather Airports, provide significant employment bases and serve the growing needs of the Pacific Rim air cargo. Mather Airport was the home of the B-52 bombers and has a 2.1 mile-long runway capable of handling the largest airplanes in the world. Mather Airport is located 15 minutes by vehicle and less than 5 minutes by air from El Dorado County. Our weather is one of the mildest and predictable in the United States, making year-round accessibility by air and vehicle in all weather conditions viable (see attached weather profile).

El Dorado County would be honored to have a Western United States presidential presence. We would greatly appreciate any advice you could provide on how best to initiate discussions about this matter. If you would like further information or specifics on the services El Dorado County provides, please feel free to contact me at 530-621-5650 and I would be happy to provide the information.

Sincerely,
County of El Dorado



John R. Knight, Chair
Board of Supervisors
County of El Dorado