

# COUNTY OF EL DORADO

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June 26, 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 extend an offer to the Executive Branch of the United States to explore the establishment of a West Coast presence.

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 rangelands to the mighty Sierra Nevada Mountain Range, ending with oak woodlands and timber forests in between.

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.

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).

Our county has several landowners who are supportive of 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.

In closing, please know that El Dorado County would be honored to have a Western United States presidential presence, and that we greatly appreciate your time and consideration in reviewing our offer. 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