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Ms. Tanya Ugrin-Capobianco
Court Executive Officer
2850 Fairlane Court, Building C
Placerville, CA 95667

Dear Ms. Ugrin-Capobianco:

I write to respectfully request that the new Placerville courthouse be constructed at the site adjacent to the existing El Dorado County Jail.

It is my understanding that the County of El Dorado and the Superior Court of El Dorado have expressed their unified support for the lot adjacent to the El Dorado County Jail as the preferred site for a consolidated courthouse. The May 5, 2006 study phase report agreed that the jail site is the optimal location out of other prospective sites.

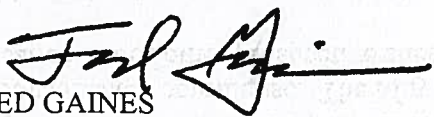
This site has been a county build site for the new courthouse for over a decade, which should remove any questions of its viability or possibility of future threats of litigation from neighbors. This location is a shovel-ready project where construction can start immediately, providing necessary jobs and other benefits to the local economy.

Given the current economic hardships facing the state, the County's offer to donate the land to the project will help reduce the project's costs. This location will further save over \$1,000,000 per year in transportation costs associated with transferring prisoners from the jail to the courthouse and back. Building the new courthouse at this location would allow the county to shift all criminal and civil cases there, resulting in reduced caseloads at other locations and a more efficient utilization of staff.

I strongly urge the Project Advisory Group to heed the recommendations of the study phase report and build the new Placerville courthouse adjacent to the county jail.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please feel free to contact either me or my Chief of Staff, Steve Davey, at (916) 319-2004.

Sincerely,


TED GAINES
Assemblyman, 4th District

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