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**RE: LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR SACRAMENTO COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL
MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT (EMD) PROPOSED FEE AMENDMENT FY 2024-2026**

Dear Board of Supervisors,

At a public meeting on Monday, November 27th, 2023, the Sacramento Environmental Commission (SEC) received a presentation from the Environmental Management Department (EMD) addressing the proposed fee amendment for EMD 2024-2026 permitting and regulatory services, pursuant to Chapter 6.99, Title 6 of the Sacramento County Code.

EMD is 100 percent fee and grant supported, and in some cases, has not raised fees in nine years. EMD contracted a third-party fee study in 2021, to determine the fees to fully recover costs for the required inspections and services. Because of the local economic impacts of COVID19 on many regulated businesses, program fee increases were deferred. EMD secured the use of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to provide retail food businesses with economic relief. Rather than increasing permit fees, these funds were credited to retail food businesses to cover their annual permit fees during 2022 and 2023.

EMD has conducted substantive outreach efforts to regulated businesses including

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mailing notices in invoices, email outreach to regulated businesses and holding numerous public workshops and webinars to provide information about the proposed fee amendment, answer questions, and accept feedback.

SEC commends EMD's efforts to implement a balanced and consistent approach to address increased costs and a commitment to identify efficiencies to contain and reduce future costs.

By unanimous vote, we recommend that the Board of Supervisors approve the proposed fee amendment for FY 2024-2026.

Sincerely,

Laura Nickerson

Laura Nickerson, Chair
Sacramento Environmental Commission