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March 13, 2023

The Honorable Dawn Addis
California State Assembly
1020 O Street, Room 5350
Sacramento, Ca 95814

Re: AB 444 (Addis) California Defense Community Infrastructure Program – SUPPORT

Dear Assembly Member Addis:

The County of Monterey is pleased to support your measure Assembly Bill (AB) 444. This measure will create the Military Infrastructure Matching Program which matches federal grants from the Defense Community Infrastructure Pilot program for infrastructure projects in military communities.

Currently the Department of Defense funds military community infrastructure projects through the Defense Community Infrastructure Pilot Program (DCIP). The DCIP was created to allocate funding to community infrastructure projects that support an active military installation and increase military value. While military communities can receive federal funding from the DCIP for infrastructure projects, there is no state-level program that supplements matching requirements for these federal grants. Communities are forced to rely upon local funds to meet high-dollar federal matching requirements, keeping many priority infrastructure projects out of reach.

AB 444 would authorize the Military Infrastructure Matching Program to provide grants to meet matching requirements for DCIP projects and also support these communities in identifying potential DCIP projects through other grants. Communities often need assistance in identifying, planning, and implementing these projects when they cannot afford to do so with local funds. This measure will solve this hurdle of “matching requirements” for many military communities.

For these reasons, the County of Monterey strongly supports AB 444. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact the County of Monterey’s Public Policy Advisor, Ashley Walker of Nossaman LLP at 916-442-8888.

Sincerely,

Luis A. Alejo, Chair
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