

August 6, 2024

Tasha Boerner  
California State Assembly  
77<sup>th</sup> Assembly District  
1021 O Street, Suite 4150  
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Support for Assembly Bill 2564: Property Tax Postponement: Senior Citizens and Disabled Citizens Property Tax Postponement Fund

Dear Assemblymember Tasha Boerner

On behalf of the City of Eureka and the Eureka City Council, I write in support of AB 2564. The City of Eureka has an interest in keeping individual homeowners in their homes whenever possible, and the continued financial viability of the Senior Citizens and Disabled Citizens Property Tax Postponement Fund is of great importance in that effort.

Existing law authorizes the State Controller, upon approval of a claim for the postponement of ad valorem property taxes, to directly pay a county tax collector for the property taxes owed by the claimant. Existing law establishes the Senior Citizens and Disabled Citizens Property Tax Postponement Fund and continuously appropriates moneys in the fund to the Controller for specified purposes, including disbursements relating to the postponement of property taxes pursuant to the Property Tax Postponement Law. Existing law requires the Controller, on June 30, 2018, and on June 30 each year thereafter, to transfer any moneys in the fund in excess of \$15,000,000 to the General Fund.

This bill would require money to be transferred, on June 30, 2025, and on June 30 each year thereafter, from the General Fund to the Senior Citizens and Disabled Citizens Property Tax Postponement Fund when the balance in the latter fund is less than \$15,000,000. The bill would require the amount of money transferred each year to be equal to the sum needed to bring the balance of the Senior Citizens and Disabled Citizens Property Tax Postponement Fund to \$15,000,000. By requiring the transfer of moneys into a continuously appropriated fund, the bill would make an appropriation.

The City of Eureka is the county seat of Humboldt County, California, and is the heart of the Redwood Coast. Eureka is the market and cultural center of a beautiful region surrounded by the world's tallest trees and rugged ocean landscapes. The City is known for its Victorian architecture and creative and welcoming culture. The City is proud to support the needs of its senior and disabled citizens in any way it can.

For these reasons, the City of Eureka lends its voice to the support for AB 2564. Thank you for considering our support for this important legislation.

Sincerely,

Kim Bergel  
Mayor  
City of Eureka

