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Senator Mike McGuire
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Assemblymember Chris Rogers
State Capitol
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Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Budget Item for costs of a Feasibility Analysis of Incorporation of McKinleyville in cooperation with LAFCO

Dear Senator McGuire and Assemblymember Rogers,

We are writing to seek your support for funding in the upcoming state budget cycle to complete a Financial Analysis for Incorporation of McKinleyville in cooperation with Humboldt LAFco. This detailed analysis has never been done and the timing and momentum is just right. McKinleyville has over 16,000 residents, is the fastest growing population center in Humboldt County, and the imminent Town Center zoning will serve to increase population density. The community of McKinleyville deserves the right to have an informed discussion about the economic feasibility of incorporation that is based on solid and current data.

Our Board is in full support of doing this analysis. In the words of several Board members last year, we want to support the community and we owe it to the residents to help get the needed information. We have been working with Cal Poly Humboldt and a subcommittee of the McKinleyville Municipal Advisory Committee called the McKinleyville Incorporation Exploration Subcommittee (MIESC) to do preliminary data collection and analysis and to lay out a community engagement plan - there is energy and momentum behind this community-led initiative.

Unfortunately, our County is not in the position to fund this effort at this time. Therefore we request that you support a budget request in the upcoming 2025-2026 State budget for \$100,000 for the Feasibility Analysis and \$300,000 for the subsequent EIR that would be required.

We have more details if needed and look forward to your assistance with this matter. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Rex Bohn
Chair, Humboldt County Board of Supervisors

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