

East Davis County Fire Protection District

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SERVING EL MACERO, WILLOWBANK, AND YOLO COUNTY

December 21, 2023

Eric Spann, Senior Public Works Supervisor
City of Davis Public Works
1717 5th St, Davis, CA 95616

Subject: Strong Endorsement for the City of Davis—Public Works 2023-2024 Wildfire Prevention Grant Application

Dear Mr. Spann:

I am writing on behalf of the Board of Commissioners for The East Davis County Fire Protection District (EDCFPD) to express our unequivocal support for the City of Davis—Public Works application for the 2023-2024 Wildfire Prevention Grant projects.

The proposed funding for this initiative is of paramount importance as it aims to proactively address the imminent threat of wildfires to homes and property situated in the Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) along the N. Fork Putah Creek channel. This region is bordered on the south by the Willowbank neighborhood in Yolo County and to the north by the Willow Creek/Ranch Macero neighborhoods in the City of Davis.

The project is exceptionally well-aligned with the grant criteria. By allocating resources towards comprehensive vegetation management, it will allow us to gain control of a long-neglected wildland area that poses a significant threat to several hundred homes, many of which are owned and occupied by senior citizens. This initiative is not only crucial for immediate risk reduction but will also establish a foundation for sustained mitigation efforts.

Addressing the thick undergrowth and invasive species in this area is pivotal for minimizing the fire risk and creating a safer environment for residents. Furthermore, this endeavor sets the stage for future sustainability by fostering a cycle of planned maintenance. We believe that through this project, we can not only protect our community from the immediate dangers posed by wildfires but also establish a model for ongoing education and awareness regarding wildfire prevention.

The East Davis County Fire Protection District fully supports the City of Davis—Public Works in this endeavor and recognizes the importance of collaborative efforts in mitigating the impact

of wildfires on our community. We trust that this grant will play a pivotal role in securing the necessary resources to carry out this critical project successfully.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. We look forward to the positive impact that this initiative will undoubtedly have on the safety and well-being of our community.

Sincerely,

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