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August 10, 2023

California Strategic Growth Council
Attn: Community Resilience Centers Program
1400 Tenth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Community Resilience Centers Program – Conejo Community Park and Center Improvement Project

To whom it may concern:

On behalf of Conejo Valley Unified School District, I am writing in support of the Conejo Recreation and Park District's (CRPD) grant application.

The Conejo Valley Unified School District works collaboratively with CRPD for the benefit of our community. We believe the Conejo Community Park and Center Improvement Project is vitally important and therefore, the Conejo Valley Unified School District wholeheartedly supports this project. We are willing to participate in the planning, design and/or implementation as needed and are committed to the broad objectives of the California Strategic Growth Council goals.

It is our understanding that the project proposes to replace the existing 7,000 SF building built in 1965 by local volunteer efforts with a new 19,000 SF building along with a variety of community-serving park improvements. The proposed new building will be constructed to current standards and codes and provide expanded recreational improvements as well as give us the ability to serve as an evacuation shelter for the community, something needed and not unfamiliar to us. Additionally, the project will address a meaningful need for park facilities to evolve and provide long-term benefits for our community. Most critically, the Conejo Community Park and Center Improvement Project will be a significant resource in addressing climate resilience and serving the District's most vulnerable residents.

Thank you for considering this letter and your efforts to support a healthy, thriving, and resilient California.

Sincerely,

Dr. Victor P. Hayek
Deputy Superintendent, Business Services
Conejo Valley Unified School District
Serving the communities of Newbury Park, Thousand Oaks & Westlake Village