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RE: **Letter of Support for Esparto Downtown Revitalization Planning
Community Design Project Grant Application**

Dear Mr. Chew:

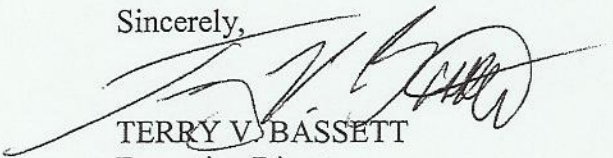
On behalf of the Yolo County Transportation District, I am writing in support of the Esparto downtown revitalization planning project that Yolo County and its partner Capay Valley Vision have submitted for consideration for funding by the SACOG Community Design Fund grant program. I believe that this project meets SACOG's seven smart growth blueprint principles.

This will serve as a catalyst for the creation of well-designed, mixed-use buildings that utilize downtown Esparto's historic structures and emphasize the community's agricultural character. Bringing quality compact housing units that are affordable to working families or independent seniors is also an important goal.

It is my understanding that there is support in the community to get started in this planning process. Because of the changes brought about by the Casino expansion and the long time that the downtown area has been dormant, I support this type of planning that will lead to the rebirth of the regional business and community center in Esparto.

Please feel free to contact me at (530) 661-0816, extension 19 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



TERRY V. BASSETT
Executive Director