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The Honorable Loni Hancock
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814-4900

Re: Legislature's Proposed Budget - Redevelopment Pass-through Revenues

Dear Senator Hancock:

The Solano County Board of Supervisors is strenuously **OPPOSED** to the Legislative Budget Plan released today which includes a provision to decrease the State's General Fund obligation under Proposition 98 by diverting $250 million in property taxes to schools. To accomplish this, the Legislative Budget Plan proposes to suspend pass-through agreements that were negotiated in good faith between Cities, Counties and Redevelopment Agencies. The negotiation process insured that a redevelopment project had access to the funds necessary to its purposes without undue hardship on the programs serving the residents of those specific areas.

The proposed Legislative Budget Plan will result in a $16.5 million or a cut of eight percent of Solano County's General Fund budget. With such a significant shortfall in the budget and the ongoing service reductions experienced during this lingering recession, Solano County will have no alternative but to slash public safety and public health services that the County has been trying to avoid and that are so critical to the residents of the County.

Furthermore, counties have numerous responsibilities related to the unwinding of redevelopment agencies, yet they receive little compensation for these efforts. We question the sense of enacting changes such as this one that decreases the funding available given these extensive responsibilities.

We prevail on you to vote **NO** on this provision and request that the Legislature seek alternative options to close its budget gaps.

Sincerely,

Linda Seifert, Chair
Solano County Board of Supervisors

CC: Senate Pro Tem Darryl Steinberg
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