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May 16, 2016

The Honorable Holly Mitchell, Chair
 Senate Budget Subcommittee No. 3
 State Capitol, Room 5080
 Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Support Adult Protective Services \$5 million Training Request

Dear Senator Mitchell:

The Humboldt County Department of Health and Human Services urges your support to provide \$5 million for statewide training of social work staff in the Adult Protective Services (APS) program.

In 2010-11, the APS program was realigned and counties now have the 100 percent fiscal responsibility for the program. However, CDSS retains the statewide contract and funding responsibility for training as well as the oversight and regulatory authority of the program.

With only \$88,000 available for APS training statewide, there is simply not enough training for our APS staff. The result is an undertrained workforce who are challenged to meet the growing demand for services. A strong training infrastructure is critical to ensuring statewide quality in direct services to victims of elder and dependent adult abuse and neglect.

For these reasons, the Humboldt County Department of Health and Human Services believes the requested \$5 million will serve as a critical investment to strengthen APS services to meet the increasing needs of our aging population.

Sincerely,

Connie Beck
 Director

cc: The Honorable Bill Monning, CA State Senate
 The Honorable Jeff Stone, CA State Senate
 The Honorable Mike McGuire, CA State Senate
 County Welfare Directors Association of California

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CHIEF PROBATION OFFICER

May 12, 2016

The Honorable Holly Mitchell, Chair
Senate Budget Subcommittee No. 3
State Capitol, Room 5080
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Chairwoman Mitchell:

RE: Adult Protective Services Program: Support for Training

The Riverside County Probation Department (Probation) respectfully requests your support to provide \$5 million in State General Funds for statewide training of social work staff in the Adult Protective Services (APS) program. APS workers provide front-line response to seniors and dependent adults who are victims of abuse, neglect and exploitation. A trained and skilled workforce is essential to protecting this vulnerable population.

Elder and dependent adult abuse can take on many forms including financial abuse and requires well-trained social workers to conduct investigations on complex cases and help victims and their families navigate other systems to access services. The services provided by APS workers are often life-saving; enabling victims to remain safely in their own homes and community; preventing further harm and avoiding undesired, often costly outcomes such as placement into institutional settings such as nursing care. APS crosses multiple systems to protect and serve victims of abuse and neglect; working with law enforcement, legal aid programs, the judiciary, long-term care services and many others; and thus is a central component of the State's elder justice system.

It is critical that APS social workers are prepared as the demand for APS services grows. California's population of seniors is projected to double from 4.2 million in 2010 to 8.4 million by 2030. The oldest and potentially most vulnerable population of 85 and older will grow by 143 percent between 1990 and 2020 and this trend will continue through 2030.

Probation, a progressive criminal justice agency, has collaborated with the Riverside County Department of Social Services and other social service agencies for many years and believes this proposal provides a critical investment in APS services to meet growing needs in both Riverside County's and Statewide local communities. For this reason Probation supports this request for additional APS training funding and recommends the Senate Budget Subcommittee give this proposal strong consideration.

Sincerely,

Mark A. Hake
Chief Probation Officer

cc: The Honorable Bill Monning, CA State Senate
The Honorable Jeff Stone, CA State Senate
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May 18, 2016

The Honorable Holly Mitchell
Chair, Senate Budget Subcommittee No. 3
State Capitol, Room 6026
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Chair Mitchell:

RE: Adult Protective Services Program (APS): Support for Training

As Riverside County Sheriff I respectfully request your support to provide \$5 million State General Funds for statewide training of social work staff in the APS program. APS workers provide front-line response to seniors and dependent adults who are victims of abuse, neglect and exploitation. A trained and skilled workforce is essential to protecting this vulnerable population.

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We believe this proposal provides a critical investment in APS services to meet growing need in our local communities, and for this reason we support this request for additional APS training funding.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stan Sniff", written over a horizontal line.

Sheriff Stan Sniff, Riverside County

cc: The Honorable Bill Monning, CA State Senate
The Honorable Jeff Stone, CA State Senate
County Welfare Directors Association of California