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Good morning Chair Nelson, Supervisor Laura Capps, and the Board of Supervisors,

My name is Kimberly Kiefer and I am the General Manager of the Isla Vista Recreation and Park District, I have been honored to serve in my capacity since February of 2020 in which our Recreation and Park District has worked diligently to deepen our ties and build bridges between our agencies and other collective local agencies that serve the community of Isla Vista.

I have greatly appreciated the leadership of 2nd Supervisor Capps, former Isla Vista 3rd District Supervisor Joan Hartmann and Sheriff Bill Brown's staff who have worked with us to build our trust with the community at large, they have been a critical component to our day to day operations in our parks and open spaces for public safety.

Throughout the last 5 years, we have served over 40,000 multigenerational community members, families, seniors and students alike, with recreation programs in community driven special events, like our Movies in the Park, Spring Concert Series and generated support to the local downtown business corridor. We have have worked seamlessly to incorporate our mission, vision and values that support events for all, that includes our District hiring a local security company, the Guardians to help defuse any additional costs or need for larger law enforcement presence.

However, we also know our limits, without our local IV Foot Patrol or Behavioral Wellness service providers who work in tandem to support our work, we would lose the immediate access we have to address the needs of our unique community.

Thank you for reconsidering not removing funding for public safety within Isla Vista, in both community resource deputies or behavioral wellness service providers who support our unhoused community.

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