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To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing this letter in strong support of Santa Barbara Public Library's continued funding for community programs with Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors.

Foodbank of Santa Barbara County is grateful for our collaboration with the Santa Barbara Public Library (SBPL) as we strive to alleviate nutrition insecurity in our county through mutually beneficial partnerships. We have been working together for 8 years to provide free lunches to all children and teens over the summer when school is closed. SBPL has provided staff, space, and promotion to ensure that food-insecure families have access to meals. We thank the library for offering a convenient, bus-accessible site for a summer meal service. SBPL is the only library in the county that has worked with us in this way.

In addition, Library staff have found creative ways to bring literacy and family activities into the program, another benefit of partnering with the SBPL. I have been impressed to speak with other partners in the food literacy space who report excellent programmatic partnerships with SBPL, notably Apples to Zucchini Cooking School, which further supports the work of the Foodbank to bring food and nutrition education to our community. The library has also sent staff to our community sites to bring additional literacy components to the field in an effort to further our shared outreach.

We request that you continue to provide funding to the Santa Barbara Public Library. SBPL's commitment to serving the most vulnerable families in our community is commendable and supports our organizational goals. We look forward to additional collaboration through this continued funding.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lacey".

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