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July 13, 2017

Councilmember Paul Caprioglio
City Hall
2600 Fresno St., Room 2097
Fresno, CA 93721

Dear Councilmember Caprioglio,

As you may know, I am the Executive Director of the non-profit Valley Caregiver Resource Center. Each year, we provide critical caregiver support services to our seniors and their caregivers throughout the city of Fresno. Last year alone, Valley Caregiver Resource Center (VCRC) provided information, education and valuable aid for over 5,000 residents who otherwise may not even have been aware of the services, programs and assistance that we make available to this vulnerable population. Indeed, with over 174,000 caregivers in the city of Fresno alone, our services, respite care, support and education tools are unique and invaluable.

It has come to our attention that in the very near future, you will be voting to approve allocations for City of Fresno CDBG and ESG funds. We are respectfully requesting your support. I am joined in this request with the members of the Valley Caregiver Resource Center Board of Directors, all of whom are in support of and listed on this letter. The program for which we are seeking this funding is critical in our efforts to prevent homelessness in yet another segment of our population. This program will serve a population of low- to moderate-income seniors that is growing at an exponential rate and at high risk of neglect, abuse, homelessness and even institutionalization.

We strongly encourage you to consider the proposed allocation for Valley Caregiver Resource Center in the category of Non-Profit Public Service.

Thank you for your support of Valley Caregiver Resource Center and our mission to provide support and education for unpaid family caregivers; especially in this challenging time for our aging population.

If you have any questions, I am happy to meet with you and all of the board members are happy to do the same, to explain how your support will directly impact those in need of our services throughout Fresno.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Michelle DiBuduo".

Michelle DiBuduo
Executive Director

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Kevin Gunner".

Kevin Gunner
Board President
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