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July 13, 2020

The Honorable Sydney Kamlager
Assembly Member, 54th District
State Capitol, Room 4015
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 2054 (Kamlager) – SUPPORT

Dear Assembly Member Kamlager,

On behalf of the City of Lafayette, I am writing to express our support for AB 2054, your measure that would create the Community Response Initiative to Strengthen Emergency Systems Act Grant Pilot Program (CRISES Pilot Program) to expand community participation in emergency response planning.

Specifically, AB 2054 establishes the CRISES Act grant pilot program, for three years, with the goal of expanding the participation of community organizations in emergency response for vulnerable populations. The pilot program would be established and administered by the California Office of Emergency Services (CalOES) with the goal of making grants to no more than twelve community organizations. Community organizations receiving a grant under this program may use the funding for project planning, project implementation, staffing, facilities, operational costs, consulting services, training, and program evaluation.

Throughout California, there are community organizations have been effectively responding to emergency situations. It is time that the State investment in these community-based organizations to scale these cost-saving responses, work to ensure that the appropriate response is provided to those reporting emergencies, and ensure communities emerge more resilient.

The CRISES Act pilot grant program will help provide stability, safety, and culturally informed and appropriate responses to immediate emergency situations such as a mental health crisis, people experiencing homelessness, intimate partner violence, and natural disasters. These organizations will also aid in the follow-up to those emergencies by involving community organizations with a deeper knowledge and training in responding to those situations.

It is for these reasons that the City of Lafayette is proud to support AB 2054. If you have any questions, or need more information, about the City's position, please contact our City Manager, Niroop Srivatsa, at (925) 299-3206.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mike Anderson', followed by a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Mike Anderson
Mayor
City of Lafayette

cc: Senator Steve Glazer
Assembly Member Rebecca Bauer-Kahan