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June 23, 2020

Michael Vukas Community Programs Specialist USDA Rural Development California State Office 430 G. Street, Agency 4169 Davis, CA 95616

**RE: Letter of Support for Gold Country Senior Services USDA Loan** 

Dear Mr. Vukas,

On behalf of the County of Nevada Board of Supervisors, I am sending you this Letter of Support for the Gold Country Senior Services in securing the USDA finance loan to establish a future Senior Center in Grass Valley, California.

Nevada County has approximately 27,300 residents over the age of 65, roughly representing 27% of the population. Currently, Nevada County does not have a Senior Center for older adults to participate in programs and services in one location. If awarded, a USDA finance loan will greatly assist Gold Country Senior Services to meet the needs of the community to expand capacity in providing services to older adults that includes food services, firewood deliveries, and access to other resources such as affordable health and wellness assistance.

Gold Country Senior Services is a local nonprofit that has been providing programs and services to older adults for over forty years in our community to promote health, wellness, and independence of older adults to remain living at home as long as possible. The establishment of western Nevada County Senior Center in Grass Valley, CA will enable Gold County Senior Services to further promote, expand and address the needs of our senior population. Therefore, we support and urge the allocation of a USDA finance loan to establish a future Senior Center in Grass Valley to serve the senior pollution in western Nevada County.

Sincerely,

Heidi Hall Chair, Board of Supervisors