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The Honorable Vince Fong
United States House of Representatives
243 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20003

The Honorable David Valadao
United States House of Representatives
2465 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Re: City of Tulare Property Acquisition

Dear Representative Fong and Valadao,

On behalf of the City of Tulare, I write to express our strong support for Congressional action authorizing the conveyance of, and removal of the reversionary interest of the United States in, two properties currently owned by the Union Pacific Railroad. The City of Tulare and the Railroad have reached agreement on the terms of the City's purchase of these parcels, which currently house two longstanding community assets: the Tulare Women's Club House and the Tulare Skate Park.

The Women's Club House has been closed since 2014 due to structural and safety concerns. Despite its closure, the City has dedicated funds to weatherize and stabilize the building to preserve its integrity as a historic landmark. Authorizing the sale of this property to the City will allow Tulare to assume full stewardship of the building, ensuring its preservation and future public benefit. The City intends to restore this treasured facility and return it to active use as a community center capable of hosting banquets, plays, dances, civic functions, and other cultural and community-serving events.

Directly across the street, the Tulare Skate Park also sits on property owned by the Railroad. This facility serves as a vital recreational resource for Tulare's youth, and the City seeks to acquire the underlying property to secure long-term public access, invest in future upgrades, and protect the site from disruption. Ownership of this parcel will allow the City to move forward with planned improvements and ensure the park remains a safe and vibrant space for young residents.

We greatly appreciate the opportunity to share the City's position and respectfully request your support as Congress considers the needed legislative action to authorize this conveyance. Please do not hesitate to contact us if we can provide additional information or assistance.

Sincerely,

Patrick Isherwood
Mayor