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**RE: LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR SACRAMENTO COUNTY
ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT (EMD) PROPOSED
FIVE YEAR FEE SCHEDULE**

Dear Board of Supervisors:

At a public meeting on Monday, February 22, 2021, the Sacramento Environmental Commission (SEC) was provided information by the Environmental Management Department (EMD) regarding the proposed five year fee schedule for EMD permitting and services, pursuant to Chapter 6.99, Title 6 of the Sacramento County Code. By unanimous vote of the commissioners present, the SEC moved to support the proposed revisions.

The EMD is 100 percent fee and grant supported, and in some cases, has not raised fees in nine years. Due to increased costs, the EMD contracted a fee study, via an independent third party consultant, to determine the fees that would fully cover costs for the required inspections and services.

To reduce the impact of increasing fees on affected parties, EMD plans to phase in several of the fee increases over three to five years. Because of ongoing economic impacts caused by COVID-19 restrictions, EMD is deferring increasing fees on food facilities, and body art businesses at this time. EMD has conducted substantive outreach efforts to regulated businesses including mailing notices and holding numerous public workshops to provide information about the proposed fee, answer questions, and accept feedback.

SEC commends EMD's efforts to implement a balanced and consistent approach to address increased costs and a commitment to identify efficiencies to contain and reduce future costs.

We therefore recommend that the Board of Supervisors approve the proposed five year fee schedule.

Sincerely,



Mark White, Chair

c: Marie Woodin, EMD Director