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Dear Supervisors,

Regarding the July 11th 2023, Consent, General Services Item 22

Indivisible Yolo is in support of the staff recommendation to approve acceptance of grant award funds from the State of California Department of Parks and Recreation and the allocation for the Underserved Farmer Cooperative project, Ujamaa Farmer Collective, and the additional projects listed by staff.

The allocation to Underserved Farmer Cooperative project, Ujamaa Farmer Collective, takes a momentous and essential step toward leveling the agricultural "playing field." Ujamaa Farmer Collective is particularly dependent on what the State has allocated for the purpose of providing land access to underserved farmers. We encourage the County and State to continue to allocate funds for the underserved Farmers Cooperative (Ujamaa Farmers Collective) going forward as more funding is needed to reach the project's land acquisition goals.

The Ujamaa Farmer Collective project, represents decades of persistent policy work. The project will provide local food resilience, improve agricultural job development equity and community engagement, all of which are necessary for our County's climate/economic resilience.

We thank the County's General Services Department and the County Governmental Relations Office for making the arrangements to accept and distribute these funds and we encourage the Board to vote (as part of the consent agenda) in favor of the allocations as recommended by staff.

Sincerely,

Co-Chair Steve Murphy  
Yolo Indivisible Steering Committee

About Indivisible Yolo:

Indivisible Yolo is 501c3 organization that reaches over 1,000 Yolo County residents. We are dedicated to a fully inclusive democracy — one that is sustained by and works for everyone to achieve economic, environmental, and social justice for all, fight climate change, and dismantle systemic racism.

We follow this vision with the values of Equity, Diversity and Inclusion: Through our electoral and policy activism, we seek to remedy injustices and structural factors, such as White supremacy, that prevent people from fully participating in and benefiting from our democracy. As an organization, we strive to foster diverse membership and leadership that share our values, are representative of Yolo County, and feel welcome to fully participate in our activities and decision-making processes.

Questions: Contact Scott Steward, Member Indivisible Yolo,

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