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Gerardo Pinedo, County Administrator  
Yolo County  
625 Court Street  
Woodland, CA 95695

RE: Food Vendor Pilot Program

Dear Gerardo,

Per your request I am providing written correspondence regarding the City's position relative to the options County staff has outlined for providing assistance to unpermitted food vendors in Woodland. Of the options presented to the Board on August 27th, the City of Woodland feels the most appropriate approach is for us to focus on clarifying the regulatory requirements and process for permitting / licensing food vending operations. This approach emphasizes the need for protecting public health and safety while assisting those seeking to own and operate a business within established parameters. The City is not supportive of providing direct financial subsidy to vendors for purchase of equipment and/or access to a licensed commercial kitchen facility as it is fraught with financial, legal, and logistical issues.

To the question of home-based micro kitchens, the City has substantive concerns about the enforcement and regulation of such uses within residential properties. Proper oversight and regulation of such uses would put considerable strain on our limited code enforcement and fire inspection resources. As a result, the City would not support the County adopting an ordinance allowing home-based micro kitchens in Woodland.

Thank you for the County's continued collaboration in evaluating potential strategies to address unpermitted food vending activity in Woodland and throughout Yolo County. While not unique to Woodland, our community has certainly seen a substantial growth of food and other items being sold without proper permitting or licensing. The City is ready to assist the County with appropriate enforcement support. We appreciate the cooperation and partnership between our agencies as we seek effective and equitable ways to protect the public health, safety, and welfare of all.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ken Hiatt".

Ken Hiatt  
City Manager