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September 4, 2025

Dear Chair Vixie-Sandy and Supervisors Allen, Barajas, Frerichs, and Villegas,

At your September 9, 2025, meeting you will receive an update on the Behavioral Health Services Act budget. I am writing to urge you to retain full funding for NAMI Yolo County in the amount of \$197,000 for the 2025/26 fiscal year.

For hundreds of Yolo County families, what NAMI offers is not just programs and support groups — it is a lifeline. In fiscal year 2024/25 alone, NAMI Yolo County provided help and hope to more than 2,000 residents through support groups, classes, presentations, outreach, and direct services. No other organization in our county offers the unique range of peer- and family-based programs that NAMI provides. A reduction in funding would mean fewer families reached, fewer people supported, and more of our neighbors left to struggle in isolation.

At a time when state and federal support for mental health services is declining, the role of NAMI Yolo County has never been more critical. Our community depends on these programs to help people navigate crises, build resilience, and find stability.

I am a retired Woodland Joint Unified Special Education teacher and newly seated member of the Board of Directors of NAMI Yolo County. My experience with NAMI Yolo began when my daughter was diagnosed with a mental health condition while attending Davis High School. At the time I thought that I had seen, and could handle, any type of childhood behavior. However, my husband and I needed support. We found that NAMI Yolo offered a Basics class for professionals which we attended and we began to understand that we were not alone and there was support for us in navigating our daughter's condition. I vowed that when I had the time I would give back to NAMI. Since then I have been trained, and have taught the class that we took and I began a special support group for parents of youth. I have lived experience with mental health and I know from direct experience that there is a significant need in Yolo county for the support NAMI offers. As a Board member and volunteer I urge you to fully fund NAMI Yolo.

I understand that you face difficult fiscal decisions. But I urge you to see that maintaining NAMI's full funding is not a cost — it is an investment. It is an investment in prevention, in recovery, and in the well-being of Yolo County residents. This investment promotes recovery, saves lives and strengthens families.

When you approve the 2025/26 fiscal year budget, we urge you to retain full funding for NAMI Yolo County.

Thank you for your leadership and your commitment to mental health in our community.

Sincerely,

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In addition to serving on the Board of Directors of NAMI Yolo County, NAMI has played a direct role in supporting my family during an incredibly challenging time. When one of our three daughters was in high school, she began to show signs of a serious mental illness. This experience was frightening and stressful for our family as we tried to navigate the world of mental health care. Someone told us about the NAMI Family-to-Family course, and we began to attend. At first, we weren't sure what to expect but this class allowed us to feel less alone and less frightened and pointed us to valuable tools and resources we could use to support our daughter and our family. I am forever thankful for the support this class and NAMI provided, and I serve on the NAMI Board of Directors so that I can share my experience and make sure that others know about this valuable resource. I don't know where my family would be today if we hadn't received the support of the NAMI Family-to-Family class.

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Dear Chair Vixie-Sandy and Supervisors Villegas, Frerichs, Barajas and Allen,

As you prepare to review the Behavioral Health Services Act budget on September 9, 2025, I am writing to urge you to maintain full funding for NAMI Yolo County at \$197,000 for the 2025/26 fiscal year.

NAMI's work is essential to the health of our county. Last year alone, more than 2,000 Yolo County residents benefited from NAMI classes, presentations, support groups, outreach, and direct services. These programs are uniquely rooted in peer and family experience, and no other local organization provides the same breadth of support. Reducing their funding would mean fewer families reached, fewer individuals supported, and more people left to struggle alone.

As a primary care physician practicing in Yolo County, I see the impact of mental illness every day and am painfully aware of the paucity of mental health resources. I joined the NAMI Yolo County Board of Directors in 2023 to help support an amazing local organization working to address this gap. Access to professional treatment is extremely limited and now, more than ever, families need support through education, encouragement, and community. NAMI Yolo County provides this service.

Keeping NAMI fully funded is not simply an expenditure — it is an investment in prevention, recovery, and long-term wellness for Yolo County residents. This investment strengthens families, reduces crises, and saves lives.

As you finalize the 2025/26 fiscal year budget, I respectfully ask you to protect NAMI Yolo County's full allocation.

Thank you for your continued leadership and for prioritizing the mental health of our community.

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