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>> Dear Members of the Board of Supervisors,

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>> I am writing to respectfully express concern regarding the proposed closure of the Winters HHSA satellite office as part of the FY 2026–27 Budget Development presentation.

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>> The Winters office provides critical Health and Human Services support, including access to CalFresh, Medi-Cal, WIC, IHSS, and employment services. While it has been noted that this location serves approximately 4% of the total client population across all offices, this figure does not fully capture its growing importance or the unique population it serves.

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>> This office has seen a steady increase in usage as more community members become aware of its presence. Many of the individuals we serve are underprivileged, lack reliable transportation, or are elderly and unable to navigate long wait times on the phone. For these residents, the Winters office is not simply a convenience, it is a necessary and accessible lifeline to essential services.

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>> Closing this location would create a significant barrier to care and support for some of the most vulnerable members of the Winters community. The impact would likely result in decreased access to benefits, delayed assistance, and increased hardship for those who already face substantial challenges.

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>> Additionally, while the projected savings of approximately \$77,000 annually is acknowledged, there may be alternative opportunities to reduce costs without eliminating this critical service point. For example, there is a large, separate meeting space currently leased by the county that is not attached to the office and is reportedly underutilized. Reevaluating the necessity of that space could provide cost savings while preserving direct services to the community.

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>> We respectfully urge you to consider the broader community impact and explore alternative cost-saving measures before making a decision to close the Winters satellite office. Maintaining this location ensures equitable access to vital services for residents who depend on in-person support.

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>> Thank you for your time, consideration, and continued commitment to serving all members of our community.

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>> Sincerely,

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