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Subject: Public Comment – FY 2026–27 Budget / Winters HHS Office Closure
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Dear Members of the Board of Supervisors,

I am writing to respectfully express concern regarding the proposed closure of the Winters HHS satellite office as part of the FY 2026–27 budget process.

The Winters office provides critical access to essential services, including CalFresh, Medi-Cal, WIC, IHSS, and employment support. While it has been noted that this location serves approximately 4% of the total client population, that figure does not fully reflect the unique needs of the community it serves.

Many Winters residents face barriers such as limited transportation, a growing senior population, and a high number of farmworker and migrant families. For these individuals, traveling to other office locations is often not feasible, and in-person assistance is essential.

Closing this office would create significant barriers to access and may lead to delayed applications, missed deadlines, and loss of benefits for vulnerable residents. It would also remove a trusted, local point of service that many rely on.

While the projected annual savings of approximately \$77,000 is acknowledged, I respectfully urge the Board to consider the broader community impact and explore alternative cost-saving measures that would preserve access to services in Winters.

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

Sincerely,

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