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Dear Board Members

I am writing this morning as the costly home care arrangements I had made to be able to attend in person have fallen through! If only you all had, in the spirit of full community engagement, implemented a hybrid real time virtual option as done in the past for comments. Can't wait to see what you roll out for the July 1 deadline.

This morning - though time unclear on agenda with other items also listed - you will hear from concerned community members who have been able to be in the room. They are all genuine folx with different outlooks on needs in our county.

This year you did a community survey - limited - that you absolutely did not use as continue to place Public Protection as the most funded area - leaving genuine community needs with few resources! Most frustrating, unfair and too often deadly to those most vulnerable!

This last year has been particularly hard on many communities. Some of you have provided some essential support and I thank you. Sadly most only offering lip service if even that.

Please listen to those in the room and explore your own biases that may explain why such an unbalanced budget.

And as the year moves along, make your practice of budget augmentation and supplements more visible. Throughout the year it is most frustrating and difficult to track, adding to your lack of transparency. Please improve that practice!

In addition, we desperately need a bond or other funding measure to support the unmet needs for building/securing affordable housing throughout the county!

This Budget is a choice and reflects the morals of you approving it. As Supervisors you were elected to make equitable choices. I'm asking you to make a responsible, equitable choice: move the county's own dollars toward the things the county residents actually ranked first rather than neglecting the needs, values, and priorities of the residents.

Thank you for any improvements you support,
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