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Kim McCoy Wade, Director  
California Department of Aging  
1300 National Drive, Suite 200  
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### **RE: Opposition to a change in the structure of Area 4.**

This is to inform you that I support the current Area 4 Agency on Aging and do not believe that any changes to the governance structure are warranted at this time.

Yolo County has worked closely with Area 4 for many years and is quite satisfied with the work the organization's staff provided on behalf of our older adults.

Yolo County continues to recognize the many benefits that a non-profit structure provides.

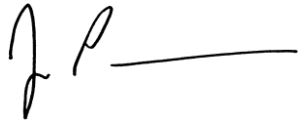
While Area 4 serves seven diverse counties, Yolo County is an example of the Agency's ability to be forthright in addressing our own unique demographics. For example, the Agency's capacity to be flexible and innovative in meeting the difficult challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic created new delivery systems and provided additional nutritional programs such as the Dine-at-Home; Emergency Meal; and Emergency Motel Meal programs. With Area 4 staff assistance, Yolo County was able to partner with a local food truck vendor that created a new approach for addressing rural food insecurity. Many of these nutritional programs were possible because of the Agency securing additional funding streams and ADRC grants.

Yolo County enjoys a significant savings in administrative costs that could not be realized if moved under the County's direction.

The County's experience with Area 4 Agency on Aging offers our aging population essential, relevant, and uninterrupted services and resources that would be negatively impacted if organizational changes were to occur.

Please feel free to contact me at 530-601-7843 if you have any questions or need additional information. Thank you for considering our concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'J. Provenza', followed by a horizontal line.

Jim Provenza, Chair  
Yolo County Board of Supervisors

Cc: Andrew Burton, Area 4, Chair  
Pam Miller, Area 4, Executive Director