California Partnership for the
San Joaquin Valley

July 1, 2010

Council of Fresno County Governments
Tony Boren, Executive Director
2035 Tulare Street #201
Fresno, CA 93721

Dear Mr. Boren:

Confirming communications with the staff of your Council of Governments, this letter and enclosed invoice is to formally request $33,500 funding from Council of Fresno County Governments for the continued operation of the California Partnership of the San Joaquin Valley.

This request comes after the Regional Policy Council's discussion of continued funding for the Partnership, similar to last year. The relationship between the Regional Policy Council, the Council of Governments and the Partnership Board has strengthened significantly in the past year. We look forward to on-going work within these organizations.

The Partnership was established by executive order of the Governor in 2006 and extended indefinitely in July 2010. However, the extension does not include any funding in addition to the initial $5 million provided in 2006, which expired June 30, 2009. We will continue efforts to secure funding from the State, but must anticipate the possibility of receiving no funding given the State's current fiscal situation. It is the intent of the Partnership board to continue the work of the Partnership in FY 2010-11, even if activities must be somewhat curtailed to adjust to the current fiscal environment. The majority of funding for the Partnership will come from the Office of Community and Economic Development at California State University, Fresno. However, there is a $142,000 gap that we are requesting be filled by the 8 County Council of Governments on a pro-rata basis based on county population.

The Partnership has a 10-year Strategic Plan. We are now in year four of that Strategic Plan. There is still much work to do and continuation of the Partnership through the Secretariat is essential to maintain progress in furthering the Valley. We ask that you give consideration to assisting in this effort by helping us fill the funding gap. If you have any questions or need further information, please feel free to contact me at (559) 696-2524 or by email at mdozier@csufresno.edu.

Sincerely,

Mike Dozier
Lead Executive

Encl: As stated

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