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Senator Michael J. Rubio
Members of the State Senate
State Capitol Building, Room 2066
Sacramento, CA 95814

Assemblyman David G. Valadao
Members of the State Assembly
State Capitol Building, Room 2174
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: OPPOSITION – Budget Trailer Bill

Dear Mr. Rubio, Mr. Valadao and other Members of the State Legislature:

The City Council of the City of Lemoore fervently opposes the Governor's Budget Trailer Bill. Although we agree that AB X1 26 – the redevelopment dissolution bill – needs clarification regarding its ambiguous requirements, the Trailer Bill goes too far and further harms our community. If it is approved as it is proposed, it could have a devastating effect on our City and ultimately the citizens of Lemoore.

As written, the Trailer Bill has the following negative effect on local communities:

- Gives the Department of Finance (DOF) power to declare local expenditures "improper"
- Gives DOF the power to divert local sales tax and property tax payments from cities for alleged "improper" payments
- Gives DOF unilateral control over all former redevelopment agency functions
- Diverts remaining unencumbered cash from successor agencies, including funds designated and committed for affordable housing programs and projects
- Prohibits the ability of successor agencies to use bond proceeds for their intended purpose if they were issued after December 31, 2010

There are many effective bills being introduced in the Legislature designed to address some of the problems of AB X1 26, while still providing relief to the state budget. For the reasons listed above, which hurt the community of Lemoore, my fellow Council Members and I strongly oppose the Budget Trailer Bill and urge you to reject it as well.

Sincerely,

Willard J. Rodarmel
Mayor