

ARCATA 
COMMUNITY POOL
North Humboldt Recreation & Park District

Date: May 20, 2021

To: The Honorable Mike McGuire
California Senate District 2

From: Members of the NHRPD Board of Directors

Dave Nakamura
NHRPD General Manager

Re: Reallocate Federal Funds for Special Districts

The North Humboldt Recreation and Park District (NHRPD) would like to underscore the tremendous need for potential funding that may be available through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). Specifically, the NHRPD is a California Special District that operates the Arcata Community Pool (ACP) located at 1150 16th Street, Arcata, CA. The ACP offers year-round recreational, fitness and educational activities. For over 40 years, the pool has offered vital learn to swim programs and the most comprehensive pool-based recreation services on the North Coast. The District was established in 1972 and operates under a governing body of five elected members of a Board of Directors. The District employs approximately 50 seasonal and hourly employees with a typical annual operating budget of over \$700,000.

COVID-19 has had a tremendous impact on the ACP's operations, employees, finances, services, public access. In the current tier system indoor pools are in a more restricted category, we were unable to open until Humboldt County entered the orange or "moderate" tier. This resulted in lengthy complete closures from March to July in 2020, and again from November 2020 to April 2021. These closures have had a catastrophic result in over \$400,00 in lost revenues, and reduced employment and public services. Additionally, reopening continues to be challenging due to increased operational expenses and reduced revenues due to COVID safety protocols. The capacity limits, reduction in group activities, physical distancing protocols all reduce revenues while many expenses stay constant or inc.

Previous COVID related federal assistance programs have had little or no benefit for local governmental entities such as special districts. Local government agencies were excluded from the CARES Act, PPP Loan programs, or direct payment subsidies. The new ARPA can benefit hard hit agencies like ours, IF state or county governments allocate funds towards meeting the fiscal needs of districts that provide vital and unique public services for the citizens of California. The Arcata Community Pool must survive into the future to provide its unique, vital and life saving services for the Humboldt County region.

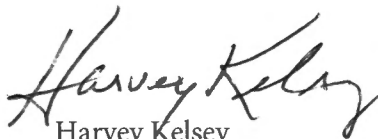
We encourage you and your legislative colleagues to use the authority granted in ARPA to reallocate a portion of the federal funds to help Special Districts recover and eventually thrive in this challenging pandemic environment.

Adopted at May 19 Board of Directors Meeting.

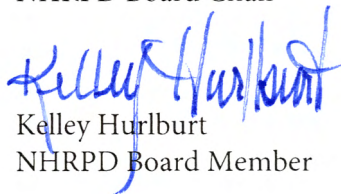
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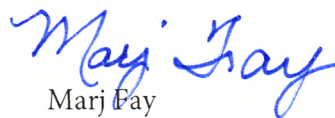
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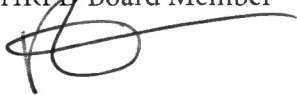


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