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MARIO GIULIANI
City Manager

September 10, 2024

Dear Esteemed Leaders,

As City Manager of Benicia, I am proud to write in strong support of increased philanthropic funding to Solano County, particularly for the Benicia Community Foundation (BCF). In these times of tight municipal budgets, BCF has proven to be an invaluable partner not only to the City of Benicia but to our broader nonprofit community.

What makes BCF especially deserving of increased philanthropic support is their unique ability to regrant funds to other nonprofits in Benicia. This structure allows BCF to act as a powerful conduit, ensuring that donations have a far-reaching impact throughout our community. By contributing to BCF, you are not just supporting a single organization—you are investing in the entire network of local nonprofits that provide essential services and programs for our residents.

Moreover, BCF has been instrumental in preserving some of Benicia's most cherished traditions, such as the 4th of July Fireworks and the annual Holiday Tree Lighting. These events, which are beloved by residents and visitors alike, would have been difficult to sustain due to budgetary constraints. Thanks to BCF's donations, we have been able to maintain these key celebrations without compromising their quality or our community's spirit. However, this is only one facet of BCF's work. Their ability to regrant funds ensures that smaller nonprofits, which may not have access to the same level of fundraising resources, can continue their important work as well.

BCF's deep understanding of local needs makes them the perfect recipient of philanthropic support for anyone looking to make a lasting, meaningful difference in Benicia. I strongly encourage philanthropic organizations and corporate partners to prioritize funding for BCF, knowing that your contributions will benefit not only the Benicia Community Foundation itself but also countless other local organizations working to improve the lives of our residents.

Thank you for considering this important request and for supporting our community through BCF.

Sincerely,

Mario Giuliani
City Manager