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Dear Philanthropic Leaders,

As a Council Member for the City of Benicia, I am writing to express my strong support for increasing philanthropic funding to Solano County and, in particular, to the Benicia Community Foundation (BCF). BCF has proven to be a vital resource for our community, providing critical financial support for a wide range of local initiatives and organizations.

One outstanding example of their impact is the donation BCF made to Benicia High School to help establish a boosters club. This donation has allowed the school to kickstart an organization that will play a pivotal role in enhancing extracurricular activities and supporting students' growth in sports, arts, and academics. BCF's involvement in this initiative demonstrates their deep commitment to nurturing our youth and investing in the future of Benicia.

As a community foundation, BCF is uniquely positioned to support not just one cause, but a wide array of programs that serve different sectors of our city. From youth programs at Benicia High School to beloved community events like the 4th of July Fireworks and the Holiday Tree Lighting, BCF's contributions are felt across every corner of Benicia. The ability of BCF to regrant funds to other nonprofits amplifies the impact of every donation, ensuring that local organizations—big and small—can continue to provide essential services and enrich our community.

Supporting BCF is more than just a donation to a single organization; it is an investment in the future of Benicia and in the long-term vitality of our local nonprofits. I encourage philanthropic organizations and corporate partners to prioritize funding for BCF. Their reach and ability to serve multiple needs make them an ideal partner in building a stronger, more connected community.

Thank you for your consideration, and for helping us ensure that Benicia continues to thrive.

Sincerely,

Trevor Macenski

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