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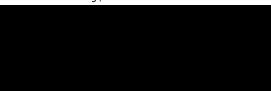
Mayor Toms, Vice Mayor Sasai, Councilmember Martinez-Rubin, Councilmember Murphy, and Councilmember Tave:

On behalf of the Contra Costa Labor Council, AFL-CIO, representing 86 local unions with over 85,000 working families across Contra Costa County (including a significant portion living in the City of Pinole), we are writing in support of item 11.B the proposed amendments to the City's Procurement Policy.

The Labor community applauds the City of Pinole's commitment to forward thinking approaches that couple environmental and worker justice. Adopting the Environmentally Preferable Purchasing Policy and Program (E4P) with a preference to USA automobiles manufactured under a unionized workforce meets that commitment. Auto manufacturing has historically been an integral portion of the American economy and the unionization of those jobs has helped create the American middle class.

Additionally, we support the City's proposal to print the union bug on distributed materials. We have previously praised the City of Pinole's commitment to utilize a unionized print shop thereby declaring the City of Pinole's support for jobs that allow workers a voice to build a better life. By taking the further action of showcasing the union bug on your printed materials, not only are you practicing policies that support a middle class in our community, but you are actively and publicly displaying these values to the world.

In Solidarity,



Executive Director Contra Costa Labor Council, AFL-CIO