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The Honorable Mike McGuire
California State Senate
State Capitol Building, Room 5061
Sacramento, CA 95814

The Honorable Marc Levine
California State Capitol, Room 5135
P.O. Box 942849
Sacramento, CA 94249-0010

Subject: Urgency Support for State Legislation Regarding Property Tax penalty waiver due to COVID-19 Pandemic

Dear Senator McGuire and Assembly Member Levine:

On behalf of the Marin County Board of Supervisors, I write to urge that the State of California consider legislation that would waive late property tax penalties due to COVID-19 and reimburse counties for lost revenues.

We recognize the significant impacts on residents and businesses due to COVID-19 pandemic. We support efforts by the California Association of County Treasurers and Tax Collectors (CACTTC) to amend the Revenue and Taxation Code to codify that penalties would not be imposed for those unable to pay their property taxes in the 2019-20 fiscal year that first becomes delinquent during the term of a COVID-19 shelter in place order.

In addition, the proposed action would defer such collection until July 1, 2020 if any taxes remain delinquent after that date, and would prohibit any qualified real property from becoming defaulted due to the shelter in place order.

We urge your consideration of this legislation for those most impacted by this unprecedented public health emergency and the important of reimbursing counties who are providing essential health and safety net services when they are needed most by our community.

Respectfully Submitted,

Katie Rice, President
Marin County Board of Supervisors

Cc: Marin County Board of Supervisors
Honorable Governor Gavin Newsom