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The Honorable Dianne Feinstein
U.S. Senate
331 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Alex Padilla
U.S. Senate
112 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

RE: SUPPORT: City of San Mateo CDS Request – Emergency Communications Radio Systems Replacement

Dear Senator Feinstein & Senator Padilla:

On behalf of the San Mateo City Council and our 105,000 residents, we support the City of San Mateo's \$1.5 million Emergency Communications Radio Systems Replacement CDS request. The City's two-way radio land mobile radio (LMR) infrastructure is the backbone of communication between the Police Department's Emergency Communications Center, field personnel, and interoperability throughout San Mateo County with federal and state agencies. The entire radio infrastructure is in dire need of replacement.

Replacement of most of the legacy equipment is necessary due to its age, lack of officer safety, functionality in its programming, unavailability of replacement parts, and unstable and unreliable power source nor appropriate back-up system. Additionally, these replacements will help support interoperability with our partner agencies along the Peninsula. Given the dynamics of mutual aid and very close borders, the San Mateo Police Department consistently supports neighboring agencies with assistance, and the radio system must have the functionality to do so during emergency situations.

Having essential communications during a disaster or an active shooter situation, as well as participating in a coordinated response, is essential to ensure public and first responder safety. For all the aforementioned reasons, the San Mateo City Council supports the City of San Mateo's CDS \$1.5 million Emergency Communications Radio Systems Replacement request.

Sincerely,

Rick Bonilla, Mayor