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Dear Mr. Boggs,

The Stanislaus County Sheriff's Regional Training Division is one of a limited number of regional training facilities strategically located throughout the state of California to provide full service training for new and veteran law enforcement officers. Our Training Division currently services nine counties throughout the Central Valley and Sierra Region.

A major component of our training program is our emergency vehicle operations course (EVOC), currently located at the Crows Landing air facility. Not only is driver training a state mandate for all law enforcement officers, it is also one of the leading causes of death for law enforcement professionals, and a source of significant liability to municipal entities, such as our own. Maintaining our program is crucial to the health and safety of our officers. Currently, our driver-training program rests on approximately 40 acres at the Crows Landing facility, and is under consideration for future commercial development.

As planning for the project continues, the Sheriff's Department must consider the future public safety needs, not only for our training programs but also the residents of Stanislaus County's west side. A public safety component of the West Park Development Project should include a sheriff's sub-station, which would serve the greater west side.

In an effort to utilize our resources wisely, combining a public safety-training component with a sub-station would serve to fulfill both of our obligations. The sub-station and training facility should include the following components:

- Administrative offices and classroom space
- Indoor firing range
- Physical fitness training area
- Scenario training area
- Emergency vehicle operations course
- Infrastructure to support these components

Through a redesign of the driver-training course, the new sub-station and training area would encompass approximately 20 acres, versus the 40-acre parcel currently being utilized.

We anticipate the training component of the new sub-station would be self-supporting and not have an impact on the County's general fund. Our revenues would be generated through contracts with California's community colleges as well as offering training programs to public safety professionals throughout the local, state, and federal levels.

Maintaining our existing training program and including a new sheriff's sub-station as part of the future development would create new employment opportunities, reduce travel for our public safety professionals, and generate revenues that would support the project's main premise of providing more opportunity to the residents of Stanislaus County.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,

Adam Christianson, Sheriff-Coroner

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cc: Lt. Jim Gordon, Executive Team