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RE: Federal Accomplishments

Over the past four years, I have had the pleasure of assisting Monterey County in accomplishing many the goals set forth by the Board of Supervisors in the County's Federal Legislative Program. I have effectively advocated the County's positions on key issues both to congressional and executive branch officials. I have arranged meetings for County officials with members of the California congressional delegation and key policy makers in the Obama Administration. I have provided strategic advice to the Legislative Committee on the County's advocacy efforts for its federal priorities.

Significant matters with which I have been actively involved include the following:

- **Youth Gang Violence** – assisted County in securing \$2 million for local gang intervention efforts; facilitated meetings for County officials with Department of Justice officials to discuss County's participation in the White House Forum on Youth Violence Prevention; facilitated and participated in meetings with County officials and the Office of the Vice President to discuss anti-gang initiatives in the County.
- **Carmel Lagoon Restoration** – assisted County in securing \$500,000 from EPA for floodplain restoration; facilitated meetings between County staff and Rep. Farr's office to discuss EPA role in project; provided numerous federal and state grant opportunities to County staff to assist with project finance.
- **Natividad Medical Center** – advised County on Medicaid funding issues related to potential change in governance structure for NMC; facilitated meetings for County staff with CMS officials to discuss Medicaid funding issues.

Highlights of more recent accomplishments include the following matters:

- **Immigration Reform** – advised County of status of Senate and House immigration reform legislation; summarized and analyzed major provisions of Senate-passed comprehensive immigration bill (S. 744); summarized House immigration reform legislation; advised County on content of BOS resolution supporting comprehensive immigration reform; briefed County staff and local hospitality industry representatives on temporary worker provisions of S. 744; drafted letter for County to send to House Majority Whip Kevin McCarthy in support of lesser-skilled worker programs in S. 744.
- **Oil and Gas Fracking** – advised County of substance and impacts of BLM's proposed rule to regulate hydraulic fracturing on federal lands; arranged meeting for County officials with Acting BLM Director to discuss impact of fracking activity in Monterey County; advised County of BLM oil

and gas lease sales in the Monterey Shale, including Center for Biological Diversity litigation and settlement resulting in Central California EIS and statewide science review.

- **Tax Reform** – advised County of legislative efforts to limit or repeal state and local taxation authority; monitored comprehensive tax reform efforts in the House and Senate; monitored legislative proposals limit or repeal tax-exempt status of municipal bonds, internet sales tax legislation, and preemption of local authority to tax wireless services; advocated County’s position on municipal bond interest with congressional delegation.
- **Voting Rights Act** – analyzed Supreme Court decision in *Shelby County v. Holder* striking down coverage formula of Voting Rights Act; advised Legislative Committee of impact on Monterey County voting procedures; assisted County with development of BOS resolution in support of Voting Rights Act; advised County of Department of Justice enforcement actions post-*Shelby*.
- **State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP)** – advocated to congressional delegation the County’s concern with the Department of Justice’s proposed policy change to SCAAP to deny reimbursements for incarcerated aliens of unknown status; successfully sought inclusion of language in Senate-passed immigration bill (S. 744) to reverse DOJ policy; arranged meetings for County officials with congressional delegation to discuss concerns with DOJ proposal.
- **Tidball Store** – advised County on efforts to acquire the Tidball Store property from the Army for economic development purposes; worked closely with Rep. Farr’s office on legislative and administrative conveyance proposals; advocated on behalf of the County in meetings with Army officials and congressional staff; contacted GSA officials to confirm procedures for County acquisition of property at no cost.
- **Grant Opportunities** – monitor all federal grant opportunities; advised County of federal grant opportunities in the areas of gang violence, youth employment, transportation, coastal habitat restoration, and community policing.