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City of Cordova Council
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Dear Cordova City Council Members,

At the recent budget work session held on November 27, 2018, Barb Jewell and I read the provided handouts and listened with great interest the information Council being considered for the FY19 City Budget. Further, we noticed the City's revenue and school contributions related to the receipt of Forest Receipts. As identified on Page 1 of 24, *2017 Prior year Actual* shows a Forest Receipt contribution to schools in the amount of \$15,076.33, while *2018 Current year Budget* shows \$0.00. Looking forward, the sheet shows the *2019 Future year Proposed Budget* contribution from Forest Receipts as \$580,000.00.

The District's understanding is that with the reallocation of the federal Forest Receipts program in Spring 2018, the City received (or anticipates receiving) funds for the fiscal years 2017 and 2018. As the Council proceeds with budget discussions for the FY19 year, we would like to know:

- Has the City received Forest Receipt funds as of yet? If not, when does it anticipate receiving these federal funds? If the City has received these funds, how much, specifically, is the revenue?

As federally intended, we strongly encourage the City to specifically allocate Forest Receipts funds, in addition to the City's proposed contribution, in order to meet the growing needs of the students in the District and fully fund our request.

We look forward to the opportunity to discuss our budget request in detail with you as you move forward with the City's FY19 budget.

Respectfully submitted for your consideration,

Barb Jewell, CSD School Board President

Alex Russin, Superintendent