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**From:** Clerk of the Board  
**Sent:** Monday, November 3, 2025 4:29 PM  
**To:** Monica Nino; Danielle Fokkema; Maureen Carapia; June McHuen  
**Subject:** FW: Excellent letter to CoCo Board of Supervisors re ARPA fund issue  
**Attachments:** EO\_BJC\_Letter to BoS Re Use of ARPA Funds\_11.3.25.pdf

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Dear Supervisors,

I am in agreement with the attached letter and urge your positive response.

Father Robert Rien  
Pastor  
St. Ignatius of Antioch Catholic Parish  
Antioch, California

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**From:** Millie Phillips <millie@workingeastbay.org>  
**To:** Millie Phillips <millie@workingeastbay.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 3, 2025 at 02:51:20 PM PST  
**Subject:** Excellent letter to CoCo Board of Supervisors re ARPA fund issue

Hello again. Please see the attached letter from the Budget Justice Coalition and Ensuring Opportunity., a follow up from my previous email on this topic.

I know it's hard for most of us to make a Board of Supervisors meeting on short notice, so if you can't be there tomorrow morning, an alternative is to email the board. If you live in Contra Costa, direct this email to your district supervisor, copied to the other supervisors and the clerk of the board. **To make it extra easy, you could just attach the letter and say you agree with it (if you do agree).**

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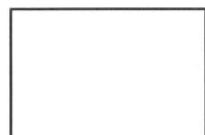
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Thanks, Millie



**Rev. Millie Phillips**

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November 3, 2025

Supervisor Candace Andersen, District II, Chair

Supervisor John Gioia, District I

Supervisor Diane Burgis, District III

Supervisor Ken Carlson, District IV

Supervisor Shanelle Scales-Preston, District V

cc: Monica Nino, Chief Administrative Officer

Tim Ewell, Chief Assistant County Administrator

Dear Supervisors,

On behalf of *Ensuring Opportunity* and the *Contra Costa Budget Justice Coalition*, we are writing to urge the Board of Supervisors to expand tomorrow's funding allocations to address **both food security and other critical community needs**.

While we appreciate the County's commitment to supporting residents who will lose their CalFresh benefits this month, we are deeply concerned that unless tomorrow's proposal (Item D.2) is significantly modified, the Board risks creating a troubling disconnect between EHSD's CalFresh backfill proposal and the recently completed, long-awaited ARPA community input process.

Over the past several months, you have heard directly from hundreds of residents and organizations across Contra Costa County about their most pressing needs, with food insecurity being amongst the most urgent. Yet the current proposal would allocate all remaining ARPA funds to a single program—CalFresh, while excluding thousands of immigrants and other residents who are not enrolled in CalFresh but will still experience hunger. This single-focus approach would also overlook urgent community needs such as **rental assistance, youth programs, and mental health supports**—all clearly identified as top priorities in the ARPA town halls and countywide needs survey.

We ask the Board to consider the following:

1. **Allocate \$21 million from the County's \$500 million in excess General Fund reserves to cover the November CalFresh backfill;**

2. **Use a portion of the remaining ARPA funds to support food banks and other community-based food security programs serving residents who are not eligible for CalFresh but are facing immediate hardship; and**
  
3. **Invest the remaining approximately \$17 million in ARPA funds in rental assistance, youth services, mental health, and other community priorities identified through the ARPA engagement process. (The Budget Justice Coalition will soon release its analysis of the top needs identified at the community town halls.)**

While EHSD's proposal is a good first step, it does not reflect the full scope of community food insecurity and safety net needs, nor does it honor the extensive public input gathered over the past few months. We urge the Board to consider the entire ecosystem of need—not just one program. That would be the most equitable approach, especially in a time when many Black residents remain disconnected from County systems, a growing number of seniors are becoming unhoused, and many immigrant families live in fear and deprivation.

Finally, County leaders and staff have worked hard—during and after the pandemic and in the wake of the national racial reckoning to build deeper trust with the community. If the Board chooses to disregard the input shared through town halls, county surveys, and Measure X discussions by directing all ARPA funds toward a single County program for one month, it risks undoing that trust and deepening community cynicism toward County leadership.

We urge you to honor the community's input and act in alignment with the County's equity commitments. Please use reserve funds to backfill CalFresh and dedicate ARPA dollars to the broader set of urgent community priorities identified by residents and trusted organizations.

Thank you for your consideration and leadership,

**Mariana Moore**  
 Senior Director  
*Ensuring Opportunity*

**Sara Gurdian**  
 Manager  
*Contra Costa Budget Justice Coalition*

**Contra Costa Budget Justice Coalition Members**

350 Contra Costa AFSCME Local 2700 Alliance of Californians for Community Empowerment (ACCE) Contra Costa Asian Pacific Environmental Network Bay Area Community Resources Choice in Aging	Human Services Alliance of Contra Costa IFPTE Local 21 League of Women Voters Diablo Valley Local Initiatives Support Corporation Meals on Wheels Senior Outreach
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## June McHuen

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**From:** Clerk of the Board  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 4, 2025 8:24 AM  
**To:** June McHuen  
**Subject:** FW: Support for Funding Allocations  
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**Sent:** Monday, November 3, 2025 5:51 PM  
**To:** Supervisor Candace Andersen <SupervisorAndersen@bos.cccounty.us>  
**Cc:** Diane Burgis <Diane.Burgis@bos.cccounty.us>; Supervisor Carlson <supervisorcarlson@bos.cccounty.us>; Shanelle Scales-Preston <Shanelle.Scales-Preston@bos.cccounty.us>; Clerk of the Board <ClerkOfTheBoard@cob.cccounty.us>; John Gioia <John.Gioia@bos.cccounty.us>; Mariana Moore <moore\_mariana@yahoo.com>  
**Subject:** Support for Funding Allocations

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Dear Supervisor Andersen,

I'm writing to support the funding allocation requested by Ensuring Opportunity and the Contra Costa Budget Justice Coalition, attached below.

I know you have difficult decisions to make tomorrow but the approach suggested here by two highly regarded and respected organizations representing tens of thousands of Contra Costa residents, is balanced and sound.

Please give this request your full attention and please support our vulnerable communities as outlined in their request.

Thank you,

Katie Ricklefs

34 year Lafayette resident

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**From:** Clerk of the Board  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 4, 2025 8:25 AM  
**To:** June McHuen  
**Subject:** FW: submitting written public comment on Item Resolution #2025-386

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On behalf of **West County Civic Women's Group**, we are in support of the County Board of Supervisors Resolution # 2025-386

ADOPT resolution #2025-386 proclaiming a local emergency caused by the disruption of funding for CalFresh food assistance benefits, including the activation of County disaster service workers.

Resolution is necessary to appropriate money to issue debit cards to eligible SNAP residents in the County and prevent families and individuals that will not be receiving their SNAP benefits to go hungry. Our eligible families and individuals need this emergency designation in order not to go without food during the month of November.

Businesses that accept SNAP cards, need their business in order to keep those businesses thriving and not collapsing for lack of business.

Thank you for taking our comments into consideration. Genoveva Calloway, Representing the West County Civic Women Group



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**From:** Clerk of the Board  
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**From:** David Linnell, Executive Director  
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**To:** Caitlin Sly <csly@foodbankccs.org>; Candace Andersen <Candace.Andersen@bos.cccounty.us>; Supervisor\_Burgis <Supervisor\_Burgis@bos.cccounty.us>; John Gioia <John.Gioia@bos.cccounty.us>; Supervisor Carlson <supervisorcarlson@bos.cccounty.us>; Supervisor Scales-Preston <BOS5@bos.cccounty.us>  
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**Subject:** Protecting Contra Costa Residents Experiencing Hunger

Dear Board of Supervisors,

Please find the attached letter on behalf of the Food Security Collaborative of Contra Costa County – the Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano, Loaves and Fishes of Contra Costa, St. Vincent de Paul of Contra Costa County, Meals on Wheels Diablo Region, and White Pony Express. We are heartened to see the request from the Employment and Human Services Department to protect our most vulnerable residents. We also recognize the surge in need our organizations have already seen and will continue to see until relief can be mobilized.

Additionally, we have attached a flyer to share with communities experiencing hunger and encourage those in need to visit existing distribution sites on [this map](#).

Thank you for your partnership in supporting our neighbors in need,

Caitlin Sly (she/her/hers)

President & CEO

**Food Bank of Contra Costa & Solano**

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Dear Contra Costa Board of Supervisors,

We, the members of the [\*\*East Contra Costa STRONG Funders' Collaborative\*\*](#) (STRONG) applaud your leadership and commitment to protecting vulnerable community members during this crisis.

The [\*\*East Contra Costa STRONG Funders' Collaborative\*\*](#) is a pooled fund of ten foundations dedicated to increasing racial equity and economic justice in East Contra Costa County. Since its launch in 2015, STRONG has funded: capacity building for nonprofit leaders and leadership development for leaders of color; the establishment of a nonprofit network; the expansion of community media; and important research and information to catalyze action. STRONG is investing

in leaders and organizations across East Contra Costa County and supported the ECCC Food Justice Collaborative's leadership development and capacity building efforts.

We are writing to applaud:

- Contra Costa County's leadership and commitment to protecting vulnerable community members during this food security crisis.
- the partnership between the *The Food Security Collaborative of Contra Costa County (The Food Security Collaborative) and the Contra Costa County Employment and Human Services Department (EHSD)* to **Strengthening Our Food Security Landscape – Together.**

A number of funders in Contra Costa County, including STRONG Fund members are moving to contribute to the **Food Security Collaborative's** pooled fund, administered by the Food Bank, to be distributed directly to hunger relief organizations. This approach ensures transparency, equity, and impact – resources go where they are needed most, guided by community-informed priorities and data. This public-private partnership is a step towards building a food security system that works for everyone and a model for us to build on as we face future challenges that endanger the communities we serve and partner with.

STRONG remains committed to partnering with community and County leaders to increase racial equity and economic justice in East Contra Costa County and support a thriving, safe, and welcoming Contra Costa County.

On Behalf of the East Contra Costa STRONG Funder Collaborative  
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Mahvash Hassan  
Program Manager/Facilitator  
[East Contra Costa STRONG Funder Collaborative](#)

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