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Mayor and City Council
City of Chula Vista
276 Fourth Avenue
Chula Vista, CA 91910

Dear Mayor and Council,

The Chula Vista Taxpayers Association (CVTA) is a non-profit, non-partisan organization that is dedicated to promoting cost-effective, efficient government and opposing unnecessary new taxes and fees.

We would like to commend you, along with City Manager David Garcia, on your recent actions to address the projected city budget shortfall. You acted quickly but carefully to deal with this impending situation by eliminating two City Manager positions, initiating a hiring freeze effective July 1, opting not to replace a retiring redevelopment director, and combining the Engineering and General Services Departments into one Engineering/Facilities Department. With continued strong leadership, the City should be able to avoid a major budget crisis.

We recognize the challenge of providing leadership that is consistently accessible, responsive, efficient, fair and effective in serving the long term best interests of our citizens. The CVTA would like to offer its assistance to you in providing recommendations and support as the budget cutting process progresses.

As you know, one of Chula Vista's greatest challenges in the future will be to ensure that our city's infrastructure keeps pace with growth. The CVTA urges the City of Chula Vista to consider allocating a minimum percentage of the budget for deferred infrastructure, regardless of budget restraints. This infrastructure allocation will be in the best interests of our taxpayers and our city's future.

We look forward to working with you in the future. Please contact me at (619) 482-7106 if I may ever be of assistance.

Thank you again for your prompt and diligent actions to address our city's budget deficit.

Sincerely,



Larry Breitfelder
President and Founding Member
Chula Vista Taxpayers Association