



*R. Rozen
would like to set
up a meeting*

May 13, 2021

Birgitta E. Corsello
Solano County Administrator
675 Texas Street, Suite 6500
Fairfield, CA 94533

Re: American Rescue Plan Act

Dear Birgitta:

After such a challenging 2020 and start to 2021, federal funding for pandemic recovery efforts in Solano County is welcome news. Solano residents have suffered - physically, emotionally, and economically. While there have been public health triumphs, the pandemic also exposed gaps in the systems intended to maintain the health of our community.

The Hospital Council is proud of the work that our Solano hospitals have done throughout the pandemic. In partnership with the County, hospitals weathered multiple surges, stood up testing and vaccination sites, protected our incredible workforce, and provided extraordinary treatment to patients under the most challenging of circumstances. It has come at a high cost. A report from Kaufman Hall shows California hospitals lost billions of dollars due to the pandemic and could lose an additional \$600 million to \$2 billion this year.

As Solano County decides how to use the funds allocated in the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), we hope you will keep hospitals and the entire local health care delivery system in mind. There is much work to be done to address new and pre-existing health challenges exacerbated by the pandemic. Mental health, substance use, homelessness, health care equity and access, are all critical community needs and are at the heart of why ARPA was enacted. We encourage you to keep the focus on these crucial public health issues as you plan to distribute the relief money.

Close communication, coordination, and collaboration with the County has been the key to weathering this storm. We hope to continue working together and meet with you to discuss where new federal resources can most effectively overcome the health impacts of the pandemic. Our hospital leaders look forward to sharing their expertise and perspectives with you.

Thank you for your ongoing partnership. We look forward to meeting with you soon.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Rozen
Regional Vice President

cc: Solano County Board of Supervisors