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TO: Board Members, Madera County Transportation Commission
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RE: STATE LEGISLATIVE UPDATE – ELECTION SUMMARY

GENERAL UPDATE

Election Day was held on November 8. Democrats won all statewide offices, including Governor Newsom (59.2%), Attorney General Rob Bonta (59.1%), Treasurer Fiona Ma (58.8%), and US Senator (61.1%), with Alex Padilla becoming the first Latino elected to the US Senate from California. This report contains a summary of additional results of interest to Madera County, including the impact on congressional races and each house of the legislature. Madera has two representatives in each house of the state legislature and in the United State House of Representatives. A summary of each district and election outcome is below.

The new 2023-24 Session legislative class was sworn into office on Monday, December 5. Democrats will continue to hold supermajorities in both houses of the State Legislature (at least 75%), with a 32 to 8 margin in the Senate and a 62 to 18 advantage in the Assembly. Session will reconvene on Wednesday, January 4. The proposed FY 23-24 State budget will be released by January 10.

Governor Newsom also called for a Special Session on December 5, intending to hold oil companies accountable for potential price gouging at the gas price due to record gas prices, which averaged \$6.42 over the Fall. The Governor justifies the Special Session declaration by referencing the Assembly's Select Committee on Gasoline Supply and Pricing and the California Energy Commission's inability to identify causes of gasoline price increases and supply shortages due to a lack of cooperation by companies.

Congress (CD – Congressional District)

Nationally, Republicans hold a 222-213 advantage in the House of Representatives (two independents). In the Senate, Democrats held a 51-49 edge after the election, but Arizona Senator Krysten Sinema switched her party registration to become an Independent. There are now three Independents who caucus with the Democrats. At a minimum, Democrats will retain control of a dead-locked Senate through Vice President Kamala Harris serving as a tiebreaker.

CD 5 includes the whole Counties of Amador, Tuolumne, Mariposa, and Calaveras, portions of **Fresno, Stanislaus, Madera,** and El Dorado Counties; Amador City, Angels, Hughson, Lone, Jackson, Oakdale, Placerville, Plymouth, Riverbank, Sonora, Sutter Creek, and Waterford, and portions of the Cities of Fresno, Turlock, and Modesto to balance population. In large part, these communities have tourism- and agriculture-based economies are nestled in large swaths of federal public lands. Shared interests include recreation, natural resource management, broadband access, healthcare, wildfires, and forest conservation. **Tom McClintock (R) won re-election with 61.3% of the vote.**

CD 13 includes all of Merced County, portions of Fresno, Madera, San Joaquin, and Stanislaus Counties, the whole Cities of San Joaquin, Patterson, Livingston, Dos Palos, Los Banos, Kerman, Madera, Atwater, Huron, Ceres, Mendota, Merced, Firebaugh, Lathrop, Coalinga, Newman, Gustine, and Chowchilla, and portions of the Cities of Modesto and Turlock. This district includes cities along Interstate 5 from Fresno County to San Joaquin County and communities along Highway 99. The district connects rural Valley communities with larger cities. These communities share interests in transportation and issues related to an agriculture- and food-processing-based economy. **Farmer John Duarte won election by securing 50.2% of the vote (564 votes) to represent this district.**

State Senate (SD-Senate District)

SD 4 is based on nesting AD 8 and AD 22 and includes the whole Counties of Alpine, Amador, Calaveras, El Dorado, Inyo, Mariposa, Mono, Stanislaus, Tuolumne, and portions of **Madera,** Merced, Nevada, and Placer Counties. This district includes the whole Cities of Amador City, Angels, Bishop, Ceres, Hughson, Lone, Jackson, Modesto, Newman, Oakdale, Patterson, Placerville, Plymouth, Riverbank, Sonora, South Lake Tahoe, Sutter Creek, Turlock, Waterford, and the towns of Truckee and Mammoth Lakes. This district follows communities-of-interest requests from Sierra counties to be placed with neighboring counties to the north. Valley rural communities and some urban cities help populate this Sierra district. The district brings together communities with common interests in issues related to open space, water, broadband access, medical access, federal land management, national parks, tourism, emergency services, and transportation infrastructure challenges. **Public School Administrator Marie Alvarado-Gil (D) won election by securing 52.7% of the vote.**

SD 14 is based on nesting AD 27 and AD 31 and includes **portions of Fresno, Madera,** Merced, and Tulare Counties, including the whole Cities of Atwater, Chowchilla, Coalinga, Dos Palos, Firebaugh, Fowler, Gustine, Huron, Kerman, Los Banos, Madera, Mendota, Merced, Orange Cove, Parlier, Reedley, Sanger, San Joaquin, and Selma, and portions of the Cities of Fresno and Livingston. Splits of counties and cities are made to meet those obligations and to balance the population in neighboring districts while considering communities of interest. Many of the cities in this district run along the main transportation routes of Interstate 5 and Highway 99 and share interests in the food processing economy, water, and agriculture. These are primarily Latino and immigrant communities that confront infrastructure challenges and concerns related to healthcare. **Current Senator Anna Caballero won re-election to this district by securing 56.3% of the vote.**

State Assembly (AD- Assembly District)

AD 8 consists of All Inyo, Tuolumne, Mariposa, and Mono and portions of Fresno, **Madera,** and Calaveras Counties. This district includes the entire Cities of Sonora, Angels, Bishop, the town of Mammoth Lakes, and portions of Clovis and Fresno. Pieces of Madera and Fresno foothill communities are added to respect mountainous communities and to balance the population. This district keeps Sierra communities together, reflecting shared interests such as watersheds, fire protection, emergency

response, and recreation. **Current Assemblymember Jim Patterson (R) won his re-election bid with 74.2% to represent this district.**

AD 27 consists of **portions of** Merced, Fresno, and **Madera** Counties, including the whole Cities of Coalinga, Kerman, San Joaquin, Merced, Mendota, Dos Palos, Madera, Los Banos, Firebaugh, Huron, Atwater, Chowchilla, and Livingston, and portions of the City of Fresno. Major commuting and transportation corridors are Interstate 5 and Highway 99. **Fresno Councilmember Esmeralda Soria (D) secured 51.3% of the vote to represent this district.**