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To the Honorable Agoura Hills City Council:

Thank you for the opportunity to address the City of Agoura Hills regarding the future of our beautiful Agoura Hills/Calabasas Community Center.

As I mentioned recently at one of our own Calabasas City Council meetings: I consider the Agoura Hills/Calabasas Community Center to be one of the crown jewels of our City. We acquired the land to build this facility in 1994, broke ground in 1997, and opened the Center in 1999. From the groundbreaking to the present day, I have had the pleasure of serving on the Community Center's Board of Directors, and of shaping its development into an integral part of our region's recreational offerings. Just last year, we commemorated the Community Center's 20th Anniversary. Sadly, we had to close its doors in March of this year. But unlike many other municipal facilities, the Community Center was unable to draw upon outside sources of income or revenue. The unavoidable day came earlier this year, one of the worst experiences of my long service as an elected public official, when we had to lay off all but one of the Community Center's staff — some of whom had worked there for many years, and had shown exemplary dedication to their work. If I do nothing else this year, I am committed to saving the Community Center and its eventual re-opening.

The Calabasas City Council considered the Community Center's present quandary at our 11-10-20 meeting. At that time, the Council received much of the same information that you will be given tonight. After the public hearing held on this matter, and pending concurrence by the Agoura Hills City Council, we unanimously approved the following concepts, to be implemented as soon as possible:

1. Payment of one-half of the costs associated with repairing the facility's roof.
2. Payment of one-half of the costs associated with the retention of a consultant to advise the cities regarding the steps needed to prepare for a successful reopening and sustained operations.
3. Formation of a select committee, consisting of representatives from both cities, to work toward the Community Center's reopening and future viability.

Again, thank you for allow the City of Calabasas to submit these comments for your consideration.

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Mayor  
City of Calabasas