

December 28, 2005

Jeff Denham
Senator, 12th District
369 Main Street, Suite 208
Salinas, CA 93901

RE: Letter of Support

Dear Senator Denham,

The Hollister Downtown Association Board of Directors recently hosted a meeting wherein representatives of the San Benito County Superior Court described an ongoing process to build a new Courthouse. As a Member of this organization, and a business merchant, I have been informed by the Board that it is in my best interest to have the new Courthouse continue to be an anchor in historic downtown Hollister. I am especially concerned with any obstacles that may delay construction and, in turn, negatively affect the downtown region's attraction as a focal point of our community.

I understand the process of building a new Courthouse cannot move forward until seismic issues with the existing Courthouse are resolved to the State of California's satisfaction, and pending 2006 legislation (previously known as SB10 in 2005) may provide a resolution to the seismic issues.

This letter represents my support of the pending 2006 legislation, and I respectfully request your full support in the Senate. I also respectfully request that your support includes promotion of this legislation as urgent; anything less will push an effective date back into the calendar year 2007. Time is of the essence as a new Courthouse represents not only advancement of justice for our citizens but also a point of pride for our downtown region and community.

If you have any comments, please feel free to contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,