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Mendocino County Board of Supervisors
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Via Email:

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RE: Support for Supervisor Appointed Public Member Candidates for the Mendocino County Employees' Retirement Association Board

Dear Chair Gjerde and Board Members,

The Mendocino County Farm Bureau (MCFB) is a non-governmental, non-profit, voluntary membership, advocacy group whose purpose is to protect and promote agricultural interests throughout the county and to find solutions to the problems facing agricultural businesses and the rural community. MCFB currently represents approximately 1200 members.

MCFB encourages the Board of Supervisors to consider the appointment of Ted Stephens and Stan Anderson for the two available public member seats to the Mendocino County Employees' Retirement (MCERA) Board that will become available on November 30, 2016.

As a current public member of the MCERA Board, Mr. Stephens has provided important insight and related discussion at the MCERA Board meetings to encourage improved fiscal responsibility for managing the retirement investments, current pension debt and future pension debt. He has supported actions at the MCERA board to attempt to provide benefits to both county retirees and to the overall financial health of Mendocino County.

Stan Anderson has attended a number of MCERA Board meetings and has asked key questions regarding the issues at hand. He will provide a fresh perspective as a member of the public on the MCERA Board and had previous financial experience with other volunteer positions he has held in the past.

Mr. Stephens and Mr. Anderson both have interest in encouraging the responsible management of the MCERA incomes and debts. These candidates are not connected to the Mendocino County retirement system and will provide unbiased opinions when asked to make financial decisions. MCFB encourages the Board of Supervisors to appoint Ted Stephens and Stan Anderson to the MCERA Board so that there continues to be public involvement to look out for the interests of current retirees, future retirees and Mendocino County.

Sincerely,

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President