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Dear Finance Committee,

I submit the attached letter on behalf of Project Safety Net's Board of Directors.

Thank you,
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Project Safety Net (PSN) mobilizes community support and resources in Palo Alto for youth suicide prevention and mental wellness. We are a coalition working on community education, outreach, and training; access to quality youth mental health services; and policy advocacy.

May 4, 2021

Council Finance Committee
City of Palo Alto
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Dear City of Palo Alto Finance Committee,

On behalf of Project Safety Net (PSN) Board of Directors, we submit this letter to offer Project Safety Net's assistance to develop and facilitate a community-centered process to disburse the \$2.4M Stanford University Medical Center Development Agreement Funds. PSN (www.psnpaloalto.org) is a collective impact representing nearly 50 youth serving organizations, behavioral health providers, educators, policymakers, academia, and community members, including young people and their families. Spearheaded by the City of Palo Alto and Palo Alto Unified School District, PSN came together ten years ago to advance youth wellbeing, mental health, suicide prevention, and resiliency.

The PSN Board tasked board members, Dr. Tamra Chavez (Director of Mental Health at Family and Children Services) and Dennis Burns (LifeMoves and Retired City of Palo Alto Police Chief), to:

1. Review the Stanford University Medical Center Development Agreement.
2. Identify opportunities to assist City Council with disbursing the agreement funds to advance community health.

Ten years ago, Lucile Packard Children's Health and Stanford Healthcare caved out \$4M for "Community Health and Safety" in response to the first cluster of youth suicide. Of this amount, \$2M was dedicated to Project Safety Net activities, with majority allocated to railway safety and means restriction efforts. One proposal for Council's consideration is to establish a community endowment that invest in youth mental health activities, which can include intergenerational, family, worksite, creative arts, and other programs. A long-term investment strategy will be important as we address the repercussions of COVID-19 and racial health disparities on the welfare of young people.

PSN is available to facilitate a community-centered process leveraging PSN Partners Council, partner organizations, and community. This role is consistent with supporting the City of Palo Alto efforts related to County of Santa Clara's Community Mobile Response to Palo Alto, allcove youth mental health centers, and PERT (Psychiatric Emergency Response Team).

PSN looks forward to the opportunity to support the City of Palo Alto in its commitment to community health, especially the youth. Please do not hesitate to contact me at (650) 329-2330 or mary@psnyouth.org, if you would like to further explore the proposal or for assistance.

With appreciation,

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