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March 5, 2018

The Honorable Nancy Skinner
Member, California State Senate
State Capitol, Room 2059
Sacramento CA 95814

RE: AB 862 (Maienschein) – Social Innovation Financing
As proposed to be amended - SUPPORT
Awaiting hearing – Senate Public Safety Committee

Dear Senator Skinner:

On behalf of the Riverside County Board of Supervisors, I write in support of AB 862, Assembly Member Brian Maienschein's measure that would authorize three additional counties to seek financing through a pay-for-success or social innovation financing model. AB 1837 (Atkins, 2014) authorized this financing model for programs that seek to improve social outcomes; programs are underway in three counties, each of which focuses on reducing recidivism among a targeted group of the adult criminal justice population. As proposed to be amended, AB 862 will incorporate technical changes to clarify that the proposed pay-for-success opportunity contemplated in Assembly Member Maienschein's measure is separate and apart from the pay-for-success programs now underway pursuant to AB 1837.

The County of Riverside is committed to a thoughtful response to the county's criminal justice system responsibilities, which have expanded significantly in recent years following legislatively directed and voter-approved corrections reforms. One of the county's areas of interest is examining how to address the intergenerational impacts of justice involvement. The County is developing a program to deliver wrap-around services to reduce risk factors and develop resiliency among children whose parents are incarcerated. Research shows that this population is more likely to become involved in the justice system, faces more financial and emotional stresses, and encounters more health issues than their peers who do not have an incarcerated parent.

We appreciate that AB 862 would give counties an opportunity to once again seek funding for innovative programs that are likely to improve outcomes and save public funds over time. Riverside County is interested in the public-private financing model that would be authorized in this measure.

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For these reasons, Riverside County is in support of AB 862, and we encourage your committee's most positive consideration of this measure. Should you have any questions regarding our position, please do not hesitate to contact Deputy County Executive Officer, Brian Nestande, at (951) 955-1110 or bnestande@rivco.org. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Chuck Washington
Chair, Riverside County Board of Supervisors

cc: Members and Counsel, Senate Public Safety Committee
Riverside County Delegation