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Dear Mayor and City Council,

I'm sure staff is already aware of funding opportunities within CA.'s recently passed state budget. After reading the staff report on the poor condition of the fairgrounds' facilities, I wanted to note microgrid funding available for creating and upgrading resiliency centers, since the fairgrounds will continue to be a shelter and refuge in disasters, and could serve as a cooling center during power outages with its own clean energy microgrid, in addition to the community center.

From the "Microgrid Knowledge" newsletter:

### **"Funding for community resilience centers**

The state's budget also includes \$85 million for [community resilience centers](#). The Strategic Growth Council wants to fund neighborhood-level centers that provide shelter and other resources during climate and other emergencies. The funding will go to stakeholders such as tribes, nonprofit organizations, community-based organizations, schools and local government agencies. It would make sense for microgrid developers to partner with these organizations, said Detrio. The funding will go to new construction and upgrades of existing facilities that will help build long-term resilience."

Additionally, in light of the recent proposal for fenced baseball diamonds at McNear Park and resulting community pushback, I'd like to suggest a baseball diamond or 2 in the future fairgrounds plans. There appears to not be enough baseball fields available with baseball becoming a year-round instead of a seasonal sport, competition from other sports like soccer for field use, and crossing town for east side fields is not great for VMT or traffic. I know planning for the fairgrounds is a ways off into the future, just a suggestion to keep in mind.

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