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California Cultural Resource Preservation Alliance, Inc.
An alliance of American Indian and scientific communities working for
the preservation of archaeological sites and other cultural resources.

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Mr. Michael Kraman, CEO
and the Board of Directors of the TCA
Transportation Corridor Agency
125 Pacifica #120
Irvine, California 92618

Mr. Malcolm Dougherty
Director Cal Trans
California Department of Transportation
1120 N Street MS 49
Sacramento, California 95814

Re: Proposed Toll Road Alignments

Dear Mr. Kraman and Mr. Dougherty

We are writing to inform you of our opposition to the proposed Toll Road Route through South Orange County. As a preservation alliance dedicated to preserving cultural, natural, and sacred resources throughout Southern California, we are concerned about the adverse effect the toll road will have on the area. The proposed route, will destroy portions of the San Juan Creek and the San Mateo Watershed. This will cause the death of species such as the California Mountain Lion, whose habitat exists in this area, as well as the steelhead trout and gnatcatchers who reside in the creek. The proposed routes would also affect many endangered and special status species such as the Least Bell's Vireo, Coastal Cactus Wren, Cooper's Hawk, Desert Woodrat, Grasshopper Sparrow, Loggerhead Shrike North, Red-diamond Rattlesnake, Orange-throated Whiptail, Red-shouldered Hawk, and Red-tailed Hawk.

In addition to the impacts to natural resources as indicated above, the San Clemente area is culturally sensitive as this area is known to have been heavily populated prior to European contact and there is the potential for the presence of buried archaeological resources.

We are asking that OCTA find a solution to the traffic problem that is less harmful to the environment.



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Sincerely,

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