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RE: Talega Maintenance Corporation / Opposition to Toll Road Expansion
Our File No. 2943

Dear Mr. Kraman:

The Law Firm of Peters & Freedman, L.L.P., represents the Talega Maintenance Corporation ("TMC"). TMC is comprised of almost 3600 residences in San Clemente. TMC was created for the purpose of promoting the common good, peace, health, safety and general welfare of the residents within TMC and to manage the improvements within this community. In carrying out these functions, TMC has reviewed various proposals of the Transportation Corridor Agencies (TCA), for proposed toll road expansion in the Southern California area and specifically adjacent to and within/over TMC. This letter is sent on behalf of TMC to formally object to the proposed toll road options for the reasons outlined below.

First, TCA has published various proposed options for expansion of toll roads within San Clemente and surrounding areas. Proposal 14 (Connect SR 241 to I-5 via La Pata Crossing) and Proposal 8 (extend La Pata to Christianitos) will have a direct, negative effect on the peace, health, safety and general welfare of TMC and its over 10,000 residents. These proposals will also have a negative effect on TMC's open space and common area property, including streets, trails, open space and other areas.

Second, TCA has not provided any mitigation data or California Environmental Quality Act environmental studies regarding any of the proposed options, including, but not limited to Proposal 8 and 14. These proposals would interfere with established circulation patterns and landscape design of streets, pedestrian, hiking and bike paths and remove portions of areas designated and required to be open space thereby destroying natural habitats of protected flora and fauna.

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Third, the La Pata extension route and the I-5 widening project scheduled for completion in 2018 will provide traffic relief in South Orange County. Further, the I-5 widening project is not designed to accommodate TCA proposed additions or the inflow of toll road traffic and such proposals will merely negate the positive effects of these already ongoing expansion projects.

Fourth, slope instability and related issues within the open space areas of the community and San Clemente are known. The TCA proposals will cause further instability in these areas thereby having a further negative effect on the common good and general welfare of the members of the TMC community. These actions potentially threaten the personal safety and lives of California residents and the residents of TMC at risk.

Fifth, TCA proposals 8 and 14 would significantly increase air pollution and decrease air quality, thereby creating health problems for the many families within TMC. Many residents attend either the blue ribbon elementary school or middle school in this community and TMC is particularly concerned about the health risks posed to students. These proposals would also increase noise and light levels, thereby negatively impacting the residents within TMC and drastically reducing the value of homes within the TMC community.

Sixth, the proposals put forth by TCA, including proposals 8 and 14, would increase the temperatures and heat index within San Clemente, negatively impacting the general welfare and well-being of the residents of TMC. These proposals would increase the risk of fire in areas already designated by the California Department of Forestry as Very Severe High Fire Hazard Zones.

For the reasons stated above, TMC joins the City of San Clemente, the Capistrano Unified School District and other adjacent common interest developments and interested groups and parties to formally oppose proposals 14, and 8 and any other proposed toll road expansion or construction that will in any way negatively affect the residents or property within TMC.

Very truly yours,

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