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THE INTERVIEWER: Let me get your name and what city you're from.

MS. [REDACTED]: Kristin [REDACTED], San Clemente, California.

THE INTERVIEWER: Okay, tell me what brings you out here today.

MS. [REDACTED]: We oppose the toll road, any toll road, through San Clemente. It's going to bisect our entire city. It's a horrible, horrible decision. It's too -- it's too -- it's disrupting our town, it's disrupting our neighborhoods, they're going to take away over 500 homes and for less than two percent traffic alleviation, so it's not even worth it.

I don't understand why except that it extends the toll road's work and their job security. That's the only point I can see of it.

THE INTERVIEWER: They haven't actually done any studies yet so they don't know whether they'll be any homes --

MS. [REDACTED]: Oh, okay. Well, from the 2006 -- oh, okay.

THE INTERVIEWER: They don't know if there will be any homes affected or what kind of traffic allev -- that's all going to be done over the next, three to four

1 years.

2 MS. [REDACTED]: Okay.

3 THE INTERVIEWER: So do you think there's a traffic  
4 problem and, if there is, what would you do as a  
5 solution?

6 MS. [REDACTED]: If there is a traffic problem, it's  
7 south of San Clemente.

8 THE INTERVIEWER: Okay.

9 MS. [REDACTED]: We see it every single time. It's past  
10 San Onofre. It's been like that since I've -- I used to  
11 live in San Dimas. I drove to San Diego State. It's  
12 been like that since then. So it's never been where I've  
13 always -- San Clemente was my halfway point and it was  
14 always easy driving right up until then. And then I  
15 think that they need to make some sort of agreement with  
16 the base.

17 They need to start using that land back there so  
18 that it's not impacting people that already have, you  
19 know, neighborhoods going on and development already  
20 going on and, like, why would you do that when you have  
21 this gigantic land, government-owned land, that we could  
22 use?

23 THE INTERVIEWER: Anything else? Anybody else?

24 MR. [REDACTED]: Just, again, it's such a small little  
25 town and this project isn't small and so we see what they

1 did -- literally where is it?

2 MS. [REDACTED]: Behind us.

3 MR. [REDACTED]: It's, like, right here.

4 MS. [REDACTED]: Yeah.

5 MR. [REDACTED]: Over In-n-Out, and wow.

6 MS. [REDACTED]: I can't imagine that through our town.

7 MR. [REDACTED]: It's an amazing thing. I mean I don't

8 know where the lines are actually going to be drawn.

9 Everybody has their hypothesis with all the different  
10 maps. But whether it's over the high school or it's over  
11 their baseball field or it's through our neighbor's  
12 house, it's going to be somewhere. And our town is so  
13 small that it will affect this town.

14 It's loud. It's noisy. I mean listen to this.  
15 So to take that and run it through a little beach town  
16 the size of Carlsbad is just sad. It's not needed.  
17 Again, if you're an Inland Empire family and you're  
18 getting to San Diego, you take the 15. The 15 doesn't  
19 have any traffic on it.

20 It's like she said, it's just that chunk of town  
21 between -- I mean from San Clemente to Oceanside is  
22 no-man's land. It's all base. There's nothing there.  
23 We're at the end of the earth. We're the last city  
24 before you hit San Diego County. And to try and bisect  
25 and/or attach a road that they think is going to

1 alleviate traffic when no one in that section of town is  
2 going to use it is absurd.

3 That's the part we have a hard time with. It's  
4 not -- I don't know if anybody is local, but if you go on  
5 the toll roads, nobody is on them.

6 MS. [REDACTED]: Yeah. They're empty. There's never  
7 traffic --

8 MR. [REDACTED]: There isn't 50 percent --

9 MS. [REDACTED]: Yeah.

10 MR. [REDACTED]: -- of the 5 freeway or the 405 freeway  
11 on the 73.

12 MS. [REDACTED]: Yeah.

13 MR. [REDACTED]: It's never ever, ever crowded. It's  
14 awesome, but there's never anyone on it; right? And if  
15 you take the 214; right?

16 MS. [REDACTED]: 241.

17 MR. [REDACTED]: 241.

18 MS. [REDACTED]: Nobody on there.

19 MR. [REDACTED]: It's wide open. Now there's a little  
20 teeny section before you hit the Corona freeway, the 91,  
21 but other than that, it's just 80 miles an hour and no  
22 one is on it. So why do it? Oh, well, anyway.

23 [REDACTED]: And it can ruin some of our  
24 schools, like, it can take away some of our favorite  
25 schools that we love and that some people love and some

1 things that people love.

2 [REDACTED]: I also have something to say. Like, so  
3 when Ole Hanson first came here and developed the city,  
4 it was supposed to be a Spanish village by the sea.  
5 They're trying to turn this city literally into another  
6 empire like Los Angeles. It's literally coming just as  
7 horrible. It's, like, horrible.

8 It's creating more greenhouse gases. Every day  
9 they build new toll roads and they're taking away  
10 precious lands the animals before have already claimed to  
11 live in. They're pushing these creatures and other  
12 things living there out of the city. And they're  
13 creating more smog and factories just to produce all this  
14 stuff to make something else to apparently help our  
15 communities.

16 THE INTERVIEWER: That is good. That's great.  
17 Thank you very much. Thanks for coming out today.

18 MS. [REDACTED]: Thank you.

19 JENNIFER [REDACTED]: My name is Jennifer [REDACTED].  
20 I'm from San Clemente.

21 THE INTERVIEWER: Okay. And you're?

22 [REDACTED]: [REDACTED]

23 THE INTERVIEWER: Also from San Clemente?

24 JENNIFER [REDACTED]: That's my daughter.

25 THE INTERVIEWER: So tell me what brings you out

1 here today.

2 JENNIFER [REDACTED]: We came out here just to voice  
3 our opposition for the proposed toll road. We're  
4 really -- I'm really appalled. Our family is truly  
5 appalled that that's even an option to put such a huge,  
6 large toll road through already built-out community.

7 I know San Clemente does have our precious open  
8 space and that's what drew us to San Clemente. We like  
9 having half of that open space. We chose to live in a  
10 small town and to have that kind of small town beach  
11 feel. And to have that big toll road going through on so  
12 many levels is just something we are not okay with.

13 I've never had to come and voice my opinion or  
14 call on my elected officials, but this is something I  
15 feel so passionately about. Our property values, that  
16 matters to us. That's something we've invested our  
17 hard-earned money in to be able to buy the house that  
18 we're in. And when we come out of our community, we're  
19 going to see a toll road overpass.

20 Our sports parks, beautiful sports park, that's  
21 another thing that drew us to our area, and I don't want  
22 my kids playing with a toll road going overpass. The  
23 same thing with our high schools. We're involved in  
24 youth sports in our community. I serve on the board for  
25 youth sports and I can't imagine those fields having

1 another highway next to it.

2 The pollution -- I'm also a nurse. I work in  
3 asthma and allergy. And to have kids exposed to more of  
4 that, it's really upsetting. And I don't think anybody  
5 would support that going through their community. You  
6 know, I come from an old-school thought where you build  
7 things out, you build those roads behind existing  
8 communities or where there's not yet development. And  
9 just to put it right through the center of our town, it  
10 divides the town. I don't think it alleviates the  
11 problem at all.

12 Our traffic situation, if you drive any time,  
13 Pico is a bottleneck. And if you're going to dump a toll  
14 road onto Pico, that just blows my mind. If we really  
15 wanted to alleviate traffic and get people down to San  
16 Diego County, which is where I work one day a week, we  
17 would go around. We have another option around the back  
18 side of Camp Pendleton.

19 I think that would alleviate the problem. We  
20 support arterial roads for sure. We live next to La Pata  
21 and that opened up and that made life super, super easy  
22 for us. We had another way in and out of town and didn't  
23 have to go down to the 5. But we really just strongly  
24 oppose, strongly, strongly oppose. And we would really  
25 love our input to be considered.

1           I think if you're planning anything through a  
2 town, you have to take the city and the town, the people,  
3 their voice, into consideration. And I think what's so  
4 upsetting here is that I see surveyors in our hills. And  
5 we just had an incident where something was discovered  
6 and OCSD put out the map, and it's a map about a TCA  
7 evaluation going on. But we're told over and over again  
8 that nothing is going on, it's just preliminary, don't  
9 panic.

10           How can you not panic when it's your home and  
11 your property and your life and that's how we're going to  
12 retire and send our kids to college? It's not okay. So  
13 that's why we're here today. We just want better for our  
14 kids. We want them to have that nice, small beach town  
15 feel. And honestly, when I drive up into Irvine, I think  
16 oh, I'm so happy every time I drive back down the 5 and I  
17 go to San Clemente. If I wanted all that, I would have  
18 lived there. But that's why we chose San Clemente.  
19 Thank you.

20           THE INTERVIEWER: Thank you so much. Thanks for  
21 coming out. Okay. So first let me get your name and  
22 what city you're from.

23           MS. [REDACTED]: Sure, Laura [REDACTED] from San Clemente,  
24 California.

25           THE INTERVIEWER: Okay. And tell me a little bit

1 about what brought you out here today.

2 MS. [REDACTED]: Well, I'm here to adamantly oppose the  
3 toll road from pushing through our town. We already have  
4 one major freeway running north and southbound and I  
5 believe that improving arterial roadways is much more  
6 beneficial to everyone. We've already seen a massive  
7 improvement with Avenida La Pata opening up and it's made  
8 my ease of just hopping on that roadway getting me up to  
9 Ortega Highway 10 minutes faster.

10 I think it already skips a major part of where  
11 there is some congestion on the 5. Hold it down. Thank  
12 you. Hold it down, please. Thank you. And then last  
13 but not least I've found that with the expansion of the  
14 additional lanes on the 5 traffic has eased up so much in  
15 San Clemente. So I think that probably the original  
16 plans for pushing through with the toll road, it's not  
17 only not needed now but -- yeah, well, good. More  
18 opposition to the toll road. So, yeah, just part of the  
19 reason.

20 THE INTERVIEWER: Thank you very much. I appreciate  
21 your time. Let me get your name and what city you're  
22 from.

23 MS. [REDACTED]: Jennifer [REDACTED], San Clemente.

24 THE INTERVIEWER: Okay, and tell me a little bit  
25 about what brings you out here today.

1 MS. [REDACTED]: We do not want the toll road to go  
2 through San Clemente. I coach multiple teams in both  
3 Little League and San Clemente girls softball and we are  
4 against the toll road. For health reasons I don't want  
5 my kids playing underneath one on any of the fields that  
6 we have, and I definitely don't want to see our sports  
7 talent go into other cities and playing there because of  
8 the toll road. So we're absolutely against it for those  
9 reasons.

10 THE INTERVIEWER: Do you think there's a traffic  
11 problem in town and, if so, what would you do to help  
12 solve that problem?

13 MS. [REDACTED]: I think the other roads could be  
14 widened or perhaps made better but, no, I don't feel  
15 there's a traffic problem and if you're going to add a  
16 toll road dumping out right there, there's no way that  
17 the 5 can handle it. None. So maybe if it's dumped out  
18 somewhere else better than at Pico.

19 THE INTERVIEWER: All right. Thank you very much.  
20 I appreciate it. Let me get all of your names and what  
21 city.

22 [REDACTED]: [REDACTED], San Clemente.

23 [REDACTED]: [REDACTED], San Clemente.

24 [REDACTED]: [REDACTED], San Clemente.

25 [REDACTED]: [REDACTED], San Clemente.

1 THE INTERVIEWER: What brings you guys out here  
2 today?

3 [REDACTED]: Well, we want to oppose the toll road going  
4 through San Clemente because it will affect our --

5 [REDACTED]: Environment.

6 [REDACTED]: Schools and health.

7 [REDACTED]: Homes and family.

8 THE INTERVIEWER: Okay. And is there a traffic  
9 problem and, if there is, what do you think could be done  
10 if a toll road wasn't built?

11 [REDACTED]: Well, honestly, we don't think there's that  
12 bad of a traffic problem in our town. We're just fine.

13 THE INTERVIEWER: We're good as is?

14 [REDACTED]: Yeah.

15 [REDACTED]: Yes.

16 [REDACTED]: Yes.

17 [REDACTED]: Yeah.

18 [REDACTED]: We don't need any toll road going through  
19 our city.

20 THE INTERVIEWER: All right.

21 [REDACTED]: And community.

22 THE INTERVIEWER: Anything else you guys want to  
23 say?

24 [REDACTED]: No. Just no toll road through San  
25 Clemente.

1 THE INTERVIEWER: Thank you, guys. Your names and  
2 what city you're from.

3 [REDACTED]: [REDACTED], and I'm from San Clemente.

4 [REDACTED]: I'm [REDACTED] and I'm from San Clemente  
5 too.

6 THE INTERVIEWER: Okay, and what brings you out here  
7 today?

8 [REDACTED]: Well, we want to fight because I've lived in  
9 San Clemente for my whole life and I don't want the toll  
10 road through my town.

11 [REDACTED]: And I just moved here about one year ago  
12 and it's just been a big fight that we've had so far with  
13 the toll road. It would go right through behind my  
14 house, my new house, so we would wake up to the noise of  
15 cars running.

16 THE INTERVIEWER: And how old are you?

17 [REDACTED]: I am [REDACTED] years old.

18 THE INTERVIEWER: [REDACTED] years old.

19 [REDACTED]: [REDACTED].

20 THE INTERVIEWER: Both [REDACTED] years old. All right.  
21 Anything else you guys want to say?

22 [REDACTED]: No, not really.

23 [REDACTED]: No.

24 THE INTERVIEWER: Okay. Well, thank you so much for  
25 coming out today. First let me get your names and what

1 city you're from.

2 MS. [REDACTED]: My name is Monica [REDACTED], I'm from San  
3 Clemente.

4 MS. [REDACTED]: My name is Holly [REDACTED] and this is  
5 my son [REDACTED] and we're from San Clemente.

6 THE INTERVIEWER: Tell me what brings you guys out  
7 here today.

8 MS. [REDACTED]: We are here to say no to the toll road.  
9 TCA is proposing a road that is going to cut our town in  
10 half and our town doesn't want it. We are a small town,  
11 we like being a small town, and it's going to ruin what  
12 we have worked so hard to maintain for a hundred years  
13 plus. So it is not wanted, no one in the town wants it,  
14 but they're insisting on it, which is really unfortunate  
15 and we're going to fight it.

16 THE INTERVIEWER: Do you think there's a traffic  
17 problem and, if so, what would you guys do to solve the  
18 traffic problem?

19 MS. [REDACTED]: They're solving the traffic problem  
20 now. They're expanding the freeway. I think that people  
21 are all up in arms because there is traffic right now  
22 because of the construction. But I mean ultimately  
23 that's just a way of life really. I don't think a toll  
24 road is going to solve traffic by dumping everyone off in  
25 the main area of the problem.

1 MS. [REDACTED]: They're going to increase our traffic.  
2 Our traffic with this toll road will increase. You're  
3 going to add an intersection and freeway into another  
4 freeway bringing more traffic into an area that can't  
5 handle it. It's not an area big enough to handle an  
6 on-ramp of another freeway. It's ludicrous in my  
7 opinion.

8 THE INTERVIEWER: Are you concerned at all about the  
9 14,000 homes coming into the north at Rancho Mission  
10 Viejo?

11 MS. [REDACTED]: Yes. That's always been a concern  
12 because they weren't prepared. They're using our  
13 schools, our roads, our everything.

14 MS. [REDACTED]: And you know what? You want to build  
15 homes? Great, build homes, and then put a road right  
16 through your neighborhood. Don't come to ours. We don't  
17 need a way out. We don't need a way in. We're there.  
18 We like it there. We want to stay there. You build a  
19 new neighborhood, build yourself a road through your own  
20 neighborhood, not ours.

21 THE INTERVIEWER: Anything else you'd like to say?  
22 Anything you'd like to say?

23 [REDACTED]: No.

24 THE INTERVIEWER: Thank you so much.

25 MS. [REDACTED]: No to the toll road.

1 MS. [REDACTED]: No toll roads in San Clemente or  
2 anywhere in South County.

3 MS. [REDACTED]: Get rid of the TCA.

4 THE INTERVIEWER: Thank you, guys. Let me get your  
5 name, how old you are, and what city you live in.

6 [REDACTED]: Hi, I'm [REDACTED]. I'm currently  
7 [REDACTED] years old and I live in San Clemente. So I go to [REDACTED]  
8 [REDACTED] right now and with all the bad  
9 things that's going on in this town, like the transients,  
10 the gypsies that they just found at school and now this,  
11 it's unbelievable. It makes me so mad because it's like  
12 a safe town.

13 We're supposed to feel secure, but with this  
14 toll road going over our high school, think of all the  
15 smog and everything that's going to happen, how it's  
16 going to affect us. And my mom had this theory that they  
17 got rid of the old principal at our school because he  
18 didn't agree to it and now with the new principal,  
19 they're all of a sudden getting rid of upper campus and  
20 it's going to go right over and they needed that to  
21 happen.

22 So that's the theory that, like, my mom has and  
23 it makes me really angry because it's supposed to be a  
24 safe and secure town but there's so much bad stuff going  
25 on right now and adding this to the equation, it's

1 preposterous. Honestly, it makes me so angry. And all  
2 the noise and everything because it's also going to go  
3 right over the football field and all those games having  
4 to deal with all that sound and noise, it would  
5 constantly be a reminder of how this town is just going  
6 hill down. It makes me so angry. Yeah.

7 THE INTERVIEWER: Well, just to let you know,  
8 there's been no studies that have been done yet, there's  
9 been no designs yet, so they don't know where the road is  
10 going to go exactly. So you can tell your mom there's no  
11 conspiracy theories going on.

12 Now, you're going to be driving [REDACTED]. You  
13 must be looking around and seeing what kind of traffic  
14 you have out there. What do you think regarding traffic  
15 and what would be some of your solutions regarding  
16 traffic relief?

17 [REDACTED]: Well, it's not necessarily that bad already  
18 but everyone is going to be coming through if that toll  
19 road is going through because all these new cars are  
20 going to be coming thinking, oh, it's an easy way to get  
21 over so all the traffic is going to be even worse and  
22 it's going to be a difficult thing to constantly have to  
23 deal with so that's no very fun.

24 THE INTERVIEWER: All right. Thank you very much.  
25 I appreciate it. Thanks for coming out. Let me get your

1 names and what city you're from.

2 [REDACTED]: [REDACTED] San Clemente.

3 [REDACTED]: [REDACTED], San Clemente.

4 [REDACTED]: [REDACTED], San Clemente.

5 [REDACTED]: [REDACTED] San Clemente.

6 THE INTERVIEWER: Tell me what brings you guys in  
7 here today.

8 [REDACTED]: Well, it angers us that there might be a  
9 toll road going right past our school because it's going  
10 to affect our air quality. There's going to be so many  
11 more cars going onto Pico and that's just going to cause  
12 more traffic rather than take it away. And then so many  
13 more people are going to come into our little town.

14 [REDACTED]: Well, I'm a -- I play [REDACTED] so  
15 I already know that if the toll road does end up going by  
16 our high school, it's going to affect our air pollution  
17 and it's going to actually affect us like as our health  
18 and it will affect all the athletes on the field and the  
19 students as well.

20 [REDACTED]: Yeah, we all do sports. We all play [REDACTED]  
21 [REDACTED]. And it really makes us angry that it  
22 would go right near our school.

23 [REDACTED]: [REDACTED] and  
24 the traffic and the noise and the air pollution would  
25 affect me and all the homes living on [REDACTED] and

1 [REDACTED] and I just don't think people would want to  
2 wake up every morning looking at a freeway with racing  
3 cars passing by.

4 [REDACTED]: Yeah, this does not seem like -- it's good  
5 for a businessman, but this is not what a small town  
6 wants, you know, like, it's not fair for everyone else  
7 living in the community.

8 THE INTERVIEWER: So what are some of the traffic  
9 relief solutions that you would have? Is traffic even a  
10 problem and, if it is, what kind of solutions would you  
11 have.

12 [REDACTED]: Right now they're, like, expanding the  
13 freeway so that's going to help. But since they're  
14 expanding the freeway, some, like, on-ramps and off-ramps  
15 are shut down, which is causing traffic. But for the  
16 most part, it's like once it expands, it will be better,  
17 like, it will be better.

18 [REDACTED]: Well, the traffic right by our high school  
19 right on the 5 freeway, it's already pretty congested,  
20 but I don't believe that the toll road would help that at  
21 all. I think it would just create more of a problem. In  
22 fact, with all the expansion going on right now, that's  
23 probably the main issue. And I think over the next  
24 couple years when they finally finish that, it will  
25 alleviate the traffic.

1 [REDACTED]: And bringing in more cars from the toll road  
2 probably wouldn't help traffic at all. It would make it  
3 worse.

4 THE INTERVIEWER: All right. Anything else? Thanks  
5 a lot. Appreciate it. Let me get your names and what  
6 city you live in.

7 [REDACTED]: I'm [REDACTED] from San Clemente.

8 [REDACTED]: I'm [REDACTED] from San Clemente.

9 THE INTERVIEWER: Okay, tell me what brings you out  
10 here today.

11 [REDACTED]: We don't want a toll road.

12 THE INTERVIEWER: And why?

13 [REDACTED]: Well, there's a whole list of reasons why,  
14 but one would be they want to respect the wildlife  
15 reserve and not destroy it with this toll road. We  
16 really would like the same respect for our families and  
17 not have a toll road.

18 [REDACTED]: I also heard that they're going to go  
19 through San Juan Hills High School and have a tunnel  
20 under that and then come out right on the golf course,  
21 which is -- I know a lot of people who would like to go  
22 to that golf course. And also they're going to go  
23 through the future high school that I'm going to which is  
24 [REDACTED].

25 THE INTERVIEWER: Okay. Well, just to let you know,

1 none of that is true because there hasn't been any  
2 designs yet on anything.

3 [REDACTED]: Not yet, but they're saying.

4 THE INTERVIEWER: People are saying that?

5 [REDACTED]: Yeah, they're saying that.

6 THE INTERVIEWER: Okay. Anything else you guys  
7 wanted to --

8 [REDACTED]: But the toll road wouldn't make that much  
9 difference. Eight percent is not very much difference.

10 THE INTERVIEWER: So do you think there's a traffic  
11 problem now or are you okay with the traffic and, if  
12 so --

13 [REDACTED]: The problem we're having now is because of  
14 the construction that we're having right now.

15 THE INTERVIEWER: Okay, okay.

16 [REDACTED]: To make the freeway bigger to make the cars  
17 move faster through there, and I think that's good  
18 enough.

19 THE INTERVIEWER: Okay, thank you. Let me get your  
20 names and how old you are and what city you live in.

21 [REDACTED]: Hi, I'm [REDACTED]. I'm in [REDACTED]  
22 grade -- oh, sorry. I am [REDACTED] years old and I live in  
23 San Clemente.

24 [REDACTED]: My name is [REDACTED] and I'm [REDACTED] years  
25 old and I live in San Clemente.

1 THE INTERVIEWER: Tell me why you guys came out here  
2 today.

3 [REDACTED]: We came out here to say that there are  
4 many -- that we don't want the toll road to go through  
5 our city because it can cause problems for wildlife and  
6 it can -- it can pollute the air.

7 [REDACTED]: And it's going to ruin the way that the high  
8 school is just -- the beauty of it and it's just going to  
9 be, like, a big freeway over it and it's going to be  
10 chaotic and loud and it might go over our house and they  
11 might have to -- it will be loud and destroy the peace of  
12 our neighborhood.

13 [REDACTED]: Okay. And I love my home so I don't want  
14 it to go through.

15 [REDACTED]: And we've been through, like, multiple years  
16 of construction and we haven't even finished all the  
17 construction through our city yet. And even if they do  
18 even build this new toll road, then they'll have to -- I  
19 think they should at least finish the construction we  
20 have first.

21 [REDACTED]: Yeah. And they'll charge fees for  
22 something that we don't want to happen so we don't want  
23 that.

24 THE INTERVIEWER: Anything else?

25 [REDACTED]: No.

1           ██████████: No.

2           THE INTERVIEWER: Thank you so much. Whenever  
3 you're ready.

4           GROUP CHEER: We love SC, yes, we do. We love SC,  
5 yes, we do. Don't let the toll road go through. Don't  
6 let the toll road go through. It will ruin the SC vibe.  
7 It will ruin the SC vibe. Our city will lose its pride.  
8 Our city will lose its pride. It will go right through  
9 our town. Making everybody frown. Making everybody  
10 frown. We love SC, yes, we do. We love SC, yes, we do.  
11 We love SC, how about you? We love SC, how about you?

12           THE INTERVIEWER: Let me get your name and what city  
13 you're from.

14           MR. ██████████: My name is Dave ██████████ and I live in  
15 San Clemente.

16           THE INTERVIEWER: Okay, tell me what brings you out  
17 here today, Dave.

18           MR. ██████████: We're out here to support the efforts  
19 to stop the toll road from going through San Clemente as  
20 well as San Juan and try to prohibit the disruptive  
21 nature of the toll road as it adversely affects the  
22 communities.

23                   I think that the cost/benefit ratio, and I don't  
24 mean the cost of the building of the toll road, but the  
25 cost to the community in terms of the lost wet lands, the

1 taking away of our open area, the hills, the bike and  
2 walking trails, the loss of the homes through eminent  
3 domain and apparently loss of businesses and potentially  
4 the high school down there or part of it, that's a heavy  
5 cost that affects so many more people than the benefit of  
6 a toll road that's charging, you know, for its use and  
7 would have not a minimal use but a smaller use and,  
8 therefore, the utility is less than the cost -- the  
9 cost/benefit ratio doesn't work for me.

10 So apparently there was a study done by the TCA  
11 in 2006 that said when they wanted to go through San  
12 Mateo, they had already looked at going down Pico at that  
13 time and there's a whole litany of reasons why they  
14 decided not to, a lot of them which I just spoke about.  
15 And so, you know, now they can't go to San Mateo so they  
16 think this is a viable alternative and they've already  
17 said in 2006 it isn't.

18 So I think that maybe what should be visited  
19 potentially, I'm not an attorney, is the possibility of  
20 litigation to challenge the validity of the agreement  
21 that was signed between the TCA and the Surfrider  
22 Foundation. Thank you.

23 THE INTERVIEWER: Thank you very much. I appreciate  
24 your time. Thanks for coming out. Let me get your name  
25 and where you're from, but I think I can guess.

1 MS. [REDACTED]: Hi, I'm Mary [REDACTED] and  
2 I'm from San Clemente. I'm a teacher at San Clemente  
3 High School. I've been teaching there for 30 years and I  
4 also grew up in San Clemente and I've had four of my kids  
5 graduate from San Clemente High School.

6 THE INTERVIEWER: Okay. Tell me what brings you out  
7 here today.

8 MS. [REDACTED]: I'm very concerned. As a  
9 life-long resident of San Clemente, I'm very concerned  
10 about the effect that this would have on our community  
11 and our town. I've been there my whole life and it's  
12 such a special place and I've looked at the options that  
13 have been proposed and the one through San Clemente,  
14 would just, I think, just devastate our city and the  
15 community and definitely have an effect on the children.  
16 And because I'm an educator, my husband is an educator,  
17 we are very concerned about the effect on the kids.

18 THE INTERVIEWER: Are there any other ideas that  
19 piqued your interest or you thought might be a better  
20 solution?

21 MS. [REDACTED]: Of the three options that I've  
22 seen, I can see where -- of course everyone is going to  
23 be concerned. My main concern is San Clemente, of  
24 course, but I just think they need to keep searching.  
25 Obviously from the turn-out here you can see the concern

1 and so there has to be another solution and they just  
2 need to keep problem solving.

3 THE INTERVIEWER: Anything else? Anything you'd  
4 like to say?

5 [REDACTED] SPEAKER: Oh, no, I agree with her 100 percent.  
6 You know, the traffic is already horrible and bringing  
7 the toll road through there, through that city, I think  
8 would only make more congestion, more difficult. And  
9 like I said, we're kind of a quiet community. We want to  
10 keep it that way. That's what's made San Clemente so  
11 special.

12 MS. [REDACTED]: What do you [REDACTED] think?

13 THE INTERVIEWER: Anything you [REDACTED] have to say?

14 MS. [REDACTED]: What does your sign say?

15 GROUP OF [REDACTED]: No toll roads through San Clemente.

16 THE INTERVIEWER: Thanks a lot, guys. I appreciate  
17 it. What brings you out here today?

18 [REDACTED] SPEAKER: Well, we just think the toll road  
19 is a horrible idea. We think it would ruin our town.  
20 One of the routes would go behind our back yard. We  
21 enjoy the hills to mountain bike, to hike, to the views.  
22 My mom actually created a lot of trails out there and she  
23 passed away from cancer. We go out there to remember  
24 her. We plan to raise all of our kids here and we just  
25 think it would be devastating to have the toll road.

1 THE INTERVIEWER: Do you think there's a traffic  
2 problem and, if so, what would you do for a solution then  
3 if not a toll road?

4 [REDACTED] SPEAKER: So I don't think there's that big  
5 of a traffic problem. I actually work in Santa Ana, my  
6 husband works in Ontario. And I was out driving Friday  
7 night, six o'clock at night, nobody is on the road  
8 through South County. I think the weekends, Saturday,  
9 yes, there's a problem. But, you know, you just don't  
10 use the roads.

11 And I think it's for leisure, not for work where  
12 the problem is. So I mean maybe there's another route  
13 that they can take but not through -- not through  
14 people's homes. It's, like, ridiculously crazy to me  
15 that you would destroy people's lives for a road. I mean  
16 it's, like, absurd. I mean people -- we've saved our  
17 money for so long to buy a house in San Clemente and it  
18 would just be completely devastating.

19 I just can't even imagine that anybody in their  
20 right mind would consider uprooting all these people just  
21 for a big, huge, ugly road for other people for  
22 convenience. I feel like it's a convenience road and I  
23 don't think that's fair at all.

24 THE INTERVIEWER: Okay, thank you very much.  
25 Anything else you guys want to say?

1 [REDACTED]: I don't know.

2 THE INTERVIEWER: Let me get your name and where  
3 you're from.

4 MS. [REDACTED]: Hi, my name is Kelsey [REDACTED] and I'm  
5 from San Clemente.

6 THE INTERVIEWER: Tell me a little bit about what  
7 brings you out here today.

8 MS. [REDACTED]: We just definitely oppose the toll  
9 road, any toll road, through South Orange County. It's  
10 going to ruin our one high school and we're against it  
11 and ruin our home values.

12 THE INTERVIEWER: Do you think traffic is a problem  
13 and, if so, what do you think some solutions ought to be  
14 for it?

15 MS. [REDACTED]: I do think that traffic is a problem  
16 but I don't think a toll road is the answer. If people  
17 are really worried about traffic, there's many other  
18 options besides the toll road and I don't think a toll  
19 road that dumps right into the 5 is going to help because  
20 the 5 is the problem.

21 THE INTERVIEWER: Are you worried about the 14,000  
22 homes that are getting built in Rancho Mission Viejo and  
23 how they're going to be able to get around? Are you  
24 worried about them coming through your streets or  
25 anything like that?

1 MS. [REDACTED]: No, not really. I don't have a  
2 problem with them without a toll road coming through our  
3 town. I think that when they bought those houses, it's a  
4 new development, they would know that it's going to be  
5 hard to get anywhere because we already have a traffic  
6 problem and they decided to buy the homes. I don't think  
7 it would be a problem.

8 THE INTERVIEWER: All right, sounds good. Thank you  
9 very much. Thanks for coming out. Let me get your name  
10 and what city you live in.

11 MS. [REDACTED]: Hi, I'm Jennifer [REDACTED]. We live in San  
12 Clemente.

13 MR. [REDACTED]: Richard [REDACTED], San Clemente.

14 THE INTERVIEWER: And tell me a little bit about  
15 what brings you guys out here today.

16 MS. [REDACTED]: We're just here to support the  
17 opposition to the toll road coming through San Clemente.  
18 We bought our home there in 2004. It's our biggest  
19 investment. We're concerned about our property values,  
20 we're concerned about the health of our children with a  
21 road going through our town. We're concerned about the  
22 divisiveness of a toll road that splits through San  
23 Clemente and all of the environmental effects that go  
24 along with a large toll road through town, an existing  
25 town where they would have to take homes to build.

1 THE INTERVIEWER: Do you think there's a traffic  
2 problem and, if so, what would you do to help with the  
3 solution?

4 MS. [REDACTED]: You know what? Honestly now that they  
5 have started to open up some of the lanes on the 5, it  
6 really hasn't been very much traffic. Memorial Day  
7 weekend, wide open. Even this weekend we drove the road,  
8 wide open.

9 THE INTERVIEWER: Okay.

10 MS. [REDACTED]: There is sometimes on Saturdays going  
11 southbound, but that's going to -- if they put a toll  
12 road through there anywhere, that traffic is just going  
13 to dump there anyway and bottleneck their anyway.

14 THE INTERVIEWER: What do you want to say? Go  
15 ahead.

16 [REDACTED]: I wouldn't like them to kill the  
17 nature when they're building it because God created the  
18 creatures, and the stuff that he made is now being killed  
19 and I just wouldn't like to see God's creation being  
20 killed.

21 THE INTERVIEWER: Go ahead.

22 [REDACTED]: What I would like to say is the toll  
23 road that they're causing through the valley is causing a  
24 lot of decrease in animal species, can cause that, is  
25 including coyotes, jackrabbits, mountain lions, and deer.

1 And it could cause a lot of pollution, which we already  
2 have global warming. And that could cause even more and  
3 even more pollution in our environment.

4 THE INTERVIEWER: All right. Great.

5 MR. [REDACTED]: Yeah, I'm not opposed to finding an  
6 alternate solution for traffic, that's always good, but  
7 just not ripping through our neighborhood. But like my  
8 wife said, with the widening of the 5, that has  
9 significantly helped. And I've seen -- I drive a lot.  
10 And, you know, maybe people don't always have to travel  
11 all the time. Maybe they could enjoy the home life more,  
12 you know, play in the street.

13 THE INTERVIEWER: Thanks a lot. Appreciate your  
14 time. Name and what city you live in.

15 MS. [REDACTED]: Courtney [REDACTED], San Clemente.

16 MR. [REDACTED]: Simon [REDACTED], San Clemente.

17 THE INTERVIEWER: Okay. And what brings you out  
18 here today?

19 MS. [REDACTED]: Oh, we're just here to support in  
20 opposition of the toll road going through the San  
21 Clemente or any other established communities. We don't  
22 think it's necessary. We think there's plenty of other  
23 arterial routes that can be improved and finished to help  
24 relieve local traffic, connecting to the 5 at Pico, which  
25 is a bottleneck anyway, isn't going to help the situation

1 in the future. Numerous, numerous reasons.

2 MR. [REDACTED]: Yeah, I mean we're just generally  
3 opposed to the idea of coming through a pre-established  
4 community, any type of plan that would involve eminent  
5 domain, taking people's homes or just devaluing the value  
6 of the existing homes and denigrating the area, the  
7 natural beauty of San Clemente, we're firmly in  
8 opposition to.

9 MS. [REDACTED]: And I think the future, you know, a lot  
10 more people telecommute. They're not driving to offices.  
11 I don't think the daily commute is really a struggle at  
12 all. I commute daily north on the 5 to Aliso Viejo 20  
13 minutes. I'm, you know, traffic is sometimes bad Friday  
14 nights in the summer, maybe Saturdays going to San Diego.  
15 But, again, you stop at Pico and then you still have, you  
16 know, an hour drive or more to San Diego with traffic.  
17 It's not going to help.

18 THE INTERVIEWER: Anything else?

19 MR. [REDACTED]: No. No, I think that's it.

20 THE INTERVIEWER: Thank you very much. Thanks for  
21 coming.

22 MR. [REDACTED]: My name is John [REDACTED]. I'm from San  
23 Clemente.

24 THE INTERVIEWER: And what brings you out here  
25 today?

1 MR. [REDACTED]: We're just not in support of the toll  
2 road.

3 THE INTERVIEWER: And tell me why.

4 MR. [REDACTED]: I just don't believe that we need a  
5 toll road going over the town. I have seen all the  
6 projects that they have going over. It's going to  
7 devalue homes, have people lose homes to eminent domain.  
8 There's schools, I'm a teacher in town, there's many  
9 various schools between the toll road routes. I just  
10 think it's a bad idea.

11 THE INTERVIEWER: Do you think there's a traffic  
12 problem in town or not so much?

13 MR. [REDACTED]: Well, there is obviously a traffic  
14 problem because of the expansion of the 5 freeway, but  
15 that's different. You know, I think that the toll road  
16 coming through Pico is one of the things that will cause  
17 more problems, especially coming through dividing the  
18 high school because it's already a tough street or it's  
19 difficult, you know, with traffic from high school kids.

20 So I definitely think that that would be a  
21 negative aspect. And I was against the toll roads back  
22 when it was for Trestles, so I went to these before. But  
23 being a surfer in the town and a teacher, I think that no  
24 toll road is the best stand for San Clemente for those  
25 people that live in San Clemente.

1           Yeah, going through town is a terrible idea. It  
2 will ruin the city and ruin all the people that live  
3 there, their values of their houses and just look tacky.  
4 I grew up in L.A. County. We don't want it to look like  
5 that with freeway overpasses and so forth. So that's my  
6 stand.

7           Anyone want to say anything? What do you guys  
8 want to say? You got a lot to say, come on.

9           THE INTERVIEWER: Last chance.

10          MR. [REDACTED]: Okay, thank you so much.

11          THE INTERVIEWER: Okay, let me get your names and  
12 where you live.

13          MS. [REDACTED]: All right. We live in San Clemente,  
14 Deanna [REDACTED].

15          MR. [REDACTED]: Reed [REDACTED], and this is [REDACTED].

16          THE INTERVIEWER: [REDACTED] And tell me a little bit  
17 about why you're out here today.

18          MR. [REDACTED]: So basically we just want to support  
19 everyone in not wanting a toll road. We used to live in  
20 Aliso Viejo. We lived right next to the toll road there.  
21 One thing we liked about San Clemente is --

22          MS. [REDACTED]: Highway chic, we don't want to go back  
23 to that.

24          MR. [REDACTED]: Yeah, we don't want to have a view of  
25 the highway again basically. We like where we live. We

1 just bought last year. We were renting in San Clemente a  
2 little bit before that. And we just think -- we moved  
3 away from the noise pollution and don't really think San  
4 Clemente needs a toll road. We don't think the residents  
5 would benefit from that. So that's why we're out here  
6 supporting no toll road.

7 THE INTERVIEWER: Do you think traffic congestion is  
8 an issue and, if so, what would you do about it?

9 MS. [REDACTED]: I think the reality is there's only a  
10 certain probably population of people that would even  
11 take the toll road. I mean it's an expensive option. I  
12 know the 73, 241, all those, I mean it's a lot out of the  
13 bank account, right, to take those on a daily basis.

14 So I think people -- I think the updates that  
15 they're doing to the 5 has definitely making  
16 improvements, so I don't think the -- I don't think the  
17 toll road adding that to the options is going to do --  
18 going to make congestion any better.

19 MR. [REDACTED]: I think it's one of the things if you  
20 build it, they will come almost. Like, you can build the  
21 road, and then it's going to be full like in a matter of  
22 a few years.

23 Now, you can obviously raise the toll to it to  
24 prevent that, but I don't think it really helps those  
25 citizens there in regard to -- especially if it's

1 expensive. People aren't going to be able to take it.  
2 Only people who have a lot of money can basically take  
3 it.

4 THE INTERVIEWER: Do you worry about the 14,000  
5 homes that are getting built in Rancho Mission Viejo and  
6 how they're going to -- because if a toll road doesn't go  
7 through, they're going to use city streets to get to the  
8 freeway. Is that a concern or you're not worried about  
9 that and it is what it is?

10 MR. [REDACTED]: No, I'm not concerned about it right  
11 now. I'd see it when it happens and then have to address  
12 it then.

13 THE INTERVIEWER: Okay. Fair enough.

14 MS. [REDACTED]: And the reality is the toll road is not  
15 always the option too, like the 73, all of that, that's  
16 like bumper to bumper these days coming through from  
17 Newport to South County. So you're paying a premium and  
18 you're going on this road and then you're in  
19 bumper-to-bumper traffic too. So what is the answer;  
20 right? Yeah.

21 THE INTERVIEWER: Thank you very much. I appreciate  
22 your time. Okay, let me get your names and what city you  
23 live in.

24 MS. [REDACTED]: Janet [REDACTED], San Clemente.

25 MR. [REDACTED]: Gary [REDACTED], San Clemente.

1 THE INTERVIEWER: Tell me what brings you out here  
2 today.

3 MS. [REDACTED]: We are against proposal 14, toll road  
4 going through San Clemente. And we're more in favor of  
5 an east-west solution, which I understand there is. And  
6 there are just so many reasons. I mean San Clemente is a  
7 pristine area, great air quality. It is a renowned  
8 surfing community throughout the world. We're known for  
9 that.

10 And it's our little Spanish village by the sea.  
11 It's going to be awful to have these big structures and  
12 highway cutting our city in half. Plus it goes over --  
13 this really concerns me -- it goes over six schools. And  
14 I understand that that's against the law to be within  
15 500 feet of a school because the effects of the pollution  
16 cause cancer, stroke, and heart disease. I'll give him a  
17 turn.

18 MR. [REDACTED]: No, that pretty much summarizes it.

19 THE INTERVIEWER: Now -- way to get out of it. I  
20 like that.

21 MS. [REDACTED]: Really.

22 THE INTERVIEWER: Now, nothing has been designed  
23 yet. If they could design it to go away from the schools  
24 far enough, is that something that you'd look at or you  
25 don't want to see it at all?

1 MS. [REDACTED]: I'd rather not see it at all. I don't  
2 want -- especially cutting right through our city right  
3 in half.

4 MR. [REDACTED]: Right.

5 MS. [REDACTED]: That's not good. And it's obtrusive.  
6 It's, like, huge. I've seen the pictures and they're  
7 tall; right?

8 THE INTERVIEWER: Those are pictures that people  
9 just draw. TCA has not done any studies or any designs  
10 yet on anything, so this is going to be a three- or  
11 four-year process. So right now there's been no -- no  
12 drawings have been done just to let you know.

13 MS. [REDACTED]: Okay, that's good to know.

14 THE INTERVIEWER: Yeah.

15 MS. [REDACTED]: Okay, I've been told a lot of things.

16 THE INTERVIEWER: Yeah, I know, I know. There's a  
17 lot of drawings out there. People have been making a lot  
18 of drawings.

19 MS. [REDACTED]: Yeah.

20 THE INTERVIEWER: I understand that.

21 MS. [REDACTED]: Yeah.

22 THE INTERVIEWER: So it's a lot of people have been  
23 concerned.

24 MS. [REDACTED]: It's going to be a major highway;  
25 right?

1 THE INTERVIEWER: It is, yeah.

2 MS. [REDACTED]: I mean they put in La Pata, which is  
3 pretty close to our house.

4 THE INTERVIEWER: Right.

5 MS. [REDACTED]: I'm not upset about that.

6 THE INTERVIEWER: Oh, okay.

7 MS. [REDACTED]: Okay? But I don't want another one.

8 THE INTERVIEWER: Okay, uh-huh.

9 MS. [REDACTED]: And providing it doesn't go by a  
10 school.

11 THE INTERVIEWER: All right. Thank you very much.  
12 Appreciate your time. Let me get your names and what  
13 city you guys live in.

14 MS. [REDACTED]: Lisa [REDACTED].

15 THE INTERVIEWER: And your city?

16 MS. [REDACTED]: San Clemente.

17 THE INTERVIEWER: And tell me what brings you out  
18 here today.

19 MS. [REDACTED]: It's pretty obvious what brings us out  
20 here today. You want to get that?

21 THE INTERVIEWER: Sorry.

22 MS. [REDACTED]: We don't want the toll road anywhere  
23 near our town. We don't want it through our back yard,  
24 we don't want to ruin our pristine air. We have one of  
25 the best air qualities in the country. There are three

1 places on earth that have the air, the quality of life,  
2 and the environment that we have in San Clemente,  
3 Australia and the Mediterranean and San Clemente. We  
4 don't need the kind of pollution that you offer and we  
5 don't want it in our back. It would literally be in our  
6 back year.

7 [REDACTED] SPEAKER: Yeah, one of the routes is right  
8 down, I mean literally right up the hill from us, not  
9 even an archer's arrow shot away. And I have lung issues  
10 because I grew up in L.A. when things were really bad and  
11 San Clemente is just about the only community in Southern  
12 California that I can live and not have more problems.

13 MS. [REDACTED]: We've invested our life savings in our  
14 home to make it so that he can live here; okay? You're  
15 going to ruin that and we won't ever get our money out of  
16 it. You can't live anywhere else. And she's elderly.  
17 It also affects her as well and infants.

18 Our whole neighborhood is full of children.  
19 You're going to come in and you're going to ruin that?  
20 I'm not even talking about the kids in Talega or the high  
21 school or any of that mischief or any of the plants. I'm  
22 talking about us. This affects our home and our  
23 livelihood. We've invested, what, a hundred thousand  
24 dollars extra just so we can live here, not to mention  
25 our home? We can't get that back.

1           It's so that we can live here in this  
2 environment because it's the closest thing that we can  
3 get.

4           ██████████ SPEAKER: I mean she's pretty much said what we  
5 had needed to say. We're very much opposed to --  
6 especially -- I mean it doesn't make any sense. It will  
7 not relieve traffic particularly. It's not going to  
8 help.

9           The only thing that would really help with the  
10 traffic is to build more east-west connectors widening  
11 Ortega perhaps, widening the 76, widening the 91.

12           MS. ██████████: My God, you want to fix a road? Fix  
13 Ortega. That's a death trap. Right? It's a death trap.

14           ██████████ SPEAKER: It's two lanes down a windy road with  
15 a hundred to 200-foot drop on one side. Come on.

16           THE INTERVIEWER: There is an alternative called the  
17 beltway. It connects the 241, loops it around Ladera  
18 Ranch and connects it to the 73 in kind of a loop there  
19 and that's something that the San Clemente City Council  
20 supports.

21           ██████████ SPEAKER: I don't know.

22           MS. ██████████: Look, all you're doing is shoving  
23 traffic down into the same point. You're not fixing  
24 anything. None of these plans address an issue, a real  
25 issue. You're just building to make money and spend

1 money. That's it. You're not actually thinking about  
2 anybody's quality of life.

3 [REDACTED] SPEAKER: Well, the other thing --

4 MS. [REDACTED]: You're not fixing --

5 [REDACTED] SPEAKER: -- TCA is losing money --

6 MS. [REDACTED]: -- anything with any of these --

7 [REDACTED] SPEAKER: -- anyway.

8 MS. [REDACTED]: -- alternatives.

9 [REDACTED] SPEAKER: They're losing money hand over fist  
10 and they think that somehow this magic bullet to extend  
11 it all the way down to the 5 is going to solve their  
12 financial problems. It won't. There aren't enough  
13 people going down that road or coming up it to actually  
14 fix the problem. Okay. The guys in Riverside, they're  
15 not coming down that. They're going down the 15. It's  
16 easier, it's quicker, and it's faster. So it's not going  
17 to help them so it's just dumb bottom line. It's not  
18 good.

19 THE INTERVIEWER: Okay, thank you. Let me get  
20 your -- you I know. Is this your family?

21 [REDACTED] SPEAKER: I brought back the family, yes.

22 THE INTERVIEWER: Okay, very good. So let me get  
23 your name again just so I have it for the record.

24 MS. [REDACTED]: Kristin [REDACTED].

25 THE INTERVIEWER: And tell me a little bit about

1 what brings you out here today.

2 MS. [REDACTED]: So we've lived in San Clemente for close  
3 to 17 years, raised our family there. We've lived close  
4 to the open space and actually close to the La Pata  
5 extension, the arterial option back there. That's great.  
6 That's working. The toll road coming through there will  
7 disrupt the open space, it will bring pollution.

8 Some of my children have pretty severe asthma,  
9 which is not needed, and we have all these migratory  
10 animals that my children get to see regularly. We have  
11 kestrel falcons that nest annually in our eaves. We're  
12 across the street from the open space. We have deer, we  
13 have owls, coyotes. But some of the migratory, though,  
14 like the falcons, the humming birds that come year after  
15 year, they'll be disrupted by a huge toll road that goes  
16 right through there.

17 Totally in support of some arterial options and  
18 why are we not exploring that further. I think shoving a  
19 toll road down the center of San Clemente, dropping it in  
20 the center of Pico, it's not solving the traffic problem.  
21 That's where it bottlenecks up and it's just going to  
22 make it worse. I think that there's just so many other  
23 options that need to be explored.

24 THE INTERVIEWER: Anything else? Anything from any  
25 of the kids? No? All right. Thank you. What city do

1 you guys live in?

2 MS. [REDACTED]: My name is Maureen [REDACTED] and I live  
3 in San Clemente.

4 MR. [REDACTED]: And I am Dale [REDACTED] and I also live  
5 in San Clemente.

6 [REDACTED]: [REDACTED]

7 [REDACTED]: [REDACTED]

8 THE INTERVIEWER: And I assume you guys both live in  
9 San Clemente. Yeah. Good guess; right? So tell me a  
10 little bit about what brings you guys out here today.

11 MR. [REDACTED]: We're out here against any toll road  
12 development through San Clemente specifically.

13 THE INTERVIEWER: And why is that?

14 MR. [REDACTED]: For many reasons but, one, I don't  
15 feel we need it. Obviously traffic is an issue globally.  
16 Any city is going to have to deal with it until we stop  
17 driving cars. So I don't think adding that road is  
18 ultimately going to relieve an issue that hasn't  
19 currently been fixed, which is the 5 freeway.

20 I also think that toll road participation, as  
21 far as I understand, is at 2005 levels so I'm figuring if  
22 people aren't using it, why would we build more. And  
23 thirdly, I just think that, yeah, it's an unnecessary  
24 evil that someone is going to make a heck of a lot of  
25 money off of.

1 THE INTERVIEWER: Any thoughts?

2 MS. [REDACTED]: I agree. Another concern I have is  
3 the air pollution.

4 THE INTERVIEWER: Okay.

5 MS. [REDACTED]: From where they want to build the  
6 road, it's right going to be behind our house, which I'm  
7 very concerned about having a family and we work so hard  
8 to buy this house and now they talk about a toll road  
9 going right into our back yard.

10 THE INTERVIEWER: All right, thank you very much. I  
11 appreciate your time.

12 [REDACTED]: My name is [REDACTED].

13 [REDACTED]: I'm [REDACTED]

14 THE INTERVIEWER: And where do you guys live?

15 [REDACTED]: San Clemente.

16 [REDACTED]: San Clemente.

17 THE INTERVIEWER: All right. And why are you here  
18 today?

19 [REDACTED]: We want to talk about the toll road.

20 THE INTERVIEWER: What do you want to say about the  
21 toll road?

22 [REDACTED]: No toll road through San Clemente.

23 [REDACTED]: Please leave us alone, TCA.

24 THE INTERVIEWER: Anything else?

25 [REDACTED]: No, that's good. Bye.

1 THE INTERVIEWER: Okay, first let me get your names  
2 and what city you guys are from.

3 MS. [REDACTED]: San Clemente, California, Erin  
4 [REDACTED].

5 MR. [REDACTED]: Fabio [REDACTED], husband, San Clemente.

6 THE INTERVIEWER: Okay, and tell me what brings you  
7 guys out here today.

8 MS. [REDACTED]: We do not want a toll road through our  
9 community.

10 THE INTERVIEWER: And tell me why.

11 MR. [REDACTED]: It's a complete health hazard and it  
12 doesn't make any sense to connect the toll road on the 5  
13 and Pico when you got to go further south where the  
14 problem is. You're not doing anything. You're just  
15 redirecting traffic, connecting it to 5. You got to go  
16 all the way down to Oceanside, 76 or 78, that makes  
17 sense, but not through our community.

18 THE INTERVIEWER: So if it were built around the  
19 community, it's something you would support, but the way  
20 it's built now, it's not -- or the way one of the ideas  
21 is being proposed, you don't like?

22 MR. [REDACTED]: Absolutely not. You're going to go  
23 completely out east where there is no community. There  
24 is so much open land out there and it's easy to build. I  
25 mean it just doesn't make sense. I'd like the thought

1 process. What is their thought process by thinking we  
2 can connect the 241 to the 73 or go down to Pico. It  
3 just doesn't make any sense. I mean there are thousands  
4 of people and communities are affected by having a toll  
5 road going through.

6 THE INTERVIEWER: Are there any other traffic relief  
7 options or transportation alternatives that you think  
8 might help with traffic congestion?

9 MS. [REDACTED]: He researched all this stuff. He was  
10 looking at --

11 MR. [REDACTED]: Yeah, I did a lot of research. And in  
12 my opinion, they should have done a little bit of a  
13 better job with the 5 because, if you pay attention, the  
14 5 goes down and then it goes up and that's where the  
15 congestion happens. They should have built a bridge over  
16 it because people forget to accelerate and that's where  
17 all the back-up happens. They should have been doing a  
18 better job and accelerate, you know, to see the end  
19 product of the 5.

20 Does it really help all those millions of  
21 dollars they invested in there? I hope so. But, you  
22 know, there are options I think.

23 THE INTERVIEWER: Anything else? Anything else you  
24 guys wanted to say?

25 MS. [REDACTED]: We're here, that's why people are

1 here. That's why we don't want it to happen. We want it  
2 to stop.

3 THE INTERVIEWER: Okay. Thank you very much. I  
4 appreciate your time. Can I get your names and what city  
5 you guys live in.

6 MS. [REDACTED]: Lara [REDACTED], San Clemente.

7 MR. [REDACTED]: And my name is Joe [REDACTED] and we  
8 all live in San Clemente, residents for better part of 10  
9 years and we're vehemently opposed to the extension of  
10 the toll road.

11 THE INTERVIEWER: And tell me why.

12 MR. [REDACTED]: We don't believe that the suggested  
13 routes or any of the suggested routes will really bring  
14 any relief and congestion. This is a shortsighted  
15 approach that will bring contaminants, noise pollution,  
16 devalue our neighborhoods, devalue our community with  
17 what it looks like no apparent regard to what the  
18 community actually wants.

19 The community dates back to 2009 was the first  
20 time we defeated this. We continue to do so. It needs  
21 to be legislated out of the ability for it to continue.

22 THE INTERVIEWER: So do you think there's a traffic  
23 problem or you don't think there's a traffic problem or  
24 just the traffic is what the traffic is?

25 MR. [REDACTED]: More roads is not a solution to a

1 traffic problem. Southern California needs to explore  
2 light rail as an alternative and mass transit does not  
3 exist here.

4 We are an extremely densely populated part of  
5 this world. We're the only part of this world I've ever  
6 visited or been a part to that doesn't have a light rail  
7 system that can move people in an efficient manner. This  
8 is a shortsighted approach that will not solve our  
9 problems or their problems as we age.

10 THE INTERVIEWER: So light rail. Where would you --  
11 if you could wave a magic wand, where would you have that  
12 light rail system go or how would you have that run?

13 MR. [REDACTED]: I think we have to follow what San  
14 Francisco and other cities have done and either raise the  
15 rail like the L in Chicago or build alongside existing  
16 pathways. I'm not an engineer. It's not my job.

17 THE INTERVIEWER: Right, I get it.

18 MR. [REDACTED]: But ultimately building another road  
19 and pushing 500 people out of their homes and bringing  
20 the contaminants and pollution that that brings is a  
21 shortsighted approach and extremely expensive.

22 MS. [REDACTED]: Especially for a projected  
23 2.5 percent alleviation to traffic. That's nothing.  
24 You don't spend millions and millions, billions of  
25 dollars to alleviate 2.5 percent of traffic. It makes

1 absolutely no sense and it's a waste of time. We don't  
2 want it there. It's obvious that nobody wants it there.  
3 Please, stop the toll road.

4 THE INTERVIEWER: All right. Thank you very much.  
5 Appreciate your time. What's that? Oh, you should have  
6 given that to that gentleman over there. They're not  
7 doing their job. Tell them they're not doing their job.

8 [REDACTED]: You're not doing your job.

9 THE INTERVIEWER: All right. Come on over. What  
10 are your names? I assume you all live in San Clemente;  
11 right? All right. What are your names?

12 [REDACTED]: I'm [REDACTED].

13 [REDACTED]: I'm [REDACTED]

14 [REDACTED]: [REDACTED]

15 THE INTERVIEWER: Why are you guys out here today?

16 [REDACTED]: Because the toll road is a stupid idea.

17 [REDACTED]: And San Clemente is a great place  
18 to go to school and do sports, and a toll road will ruin  
19 all of that for kids with the pollution in the air.

20 [REDACTED]: Well, I'm a mountain biker so I go out  
21 on the trails where the toll road will be and having a  
22 toll road there will take away all the trails and that  
23 will allow me to have to go in trails in other areas  
24 where I will not be able to enjoy the trails that I like  
25 because there's very nice trails where that toll road

1 will be.

2 THE INTERVIEWER: Anything you want to say?

3 [REDACTED]: So, [REDACTED], you are a baseball player;  
4 right? So do you go down to the [REDACTED]?

5 [REDACTED]: Yeah.

6 [REDACTED]: Well, what will happen if the toll road  
7 is there?

8 [REDACTED]: I won't be able to play baseball  
9 and that's what I want to be when I grow up.

10 THE INTERVIEWER: You want to be a baseball player?

11 [REDACTED]: (Nods head.)

12 THE INTERVIEWER: Who's your favorite baseball  
13 player?

14 [REDACTED]: Mike Trout.

15 THE INTERVIEWER: Mike Trout. He's great, isn't he?  
16 Thank you guys so much. I appreciate your time. Let me  
17 get your name and what city you guys live in.

18 MS. [REDACTED]: Hi, my name is Carolyn [REDACTED] and I live in  
19 San Clemente.

20 THE INTERVIEWER: Okay. And your name?

21 [REDACTED]: My name is [REDACTED] and I live in San  
22 Clemente.

23 [REDACTED]: My name is [REDACTED] and I live in San  
24 Clemente.

25 THE INTERVIEWER: All right. Well, thank you so

1 much for coming out here today and maybe mom can tell us  
2 why are you out here today?

3 MS. [REDACTED]: We came out today to support our  
4 community. We feel very strongly about keeping our town  
5 our town. All my children go to school in San Clemente.  
6 The toll road or the alignment that is being favored is  
7 directly across from their school and also our home and  
8 our neighborhood that we purchased 13 years ago and  
9 planned to raise our family there forever.

10 There's also a sports park that is also going --  
11 the alignment is going to go right over where all of my  
12 children participate in every sport that every child, I  
13 believe, should have with clean air and open air. And I  
14 don't know if you've ever seen the hills during the  
15 spring, amazing wild flowers, amazing open space, views  
16 for miles that honestly is a gift to our community which  
17 is why, you know, people are here fighting so hard  
18 because it's such a lovely, lovely state -- sorry, city  
19 and they just love it so much.

20 So I have three children, one that was here  
21 earlier and then I have these two. And so pollution, I  
22 think is also another thing that is just -- it would just  
23 damage our family to the point where we wouldn't be able  
24 to live there. It's just something that we really feel  
25 strongly about, so that's why we're here, and I think --

1 [REDACTED]: [REDACTED], do you want to say something?

2 MS. [REDACTED]: You can say about [REDACTED]

3 [REDACTED]: I -- we have a pet cat named [REDACTED] and he  
4 lives -- he is a Himalayan and he has cancer in his eye.

5 MS. [REDACTED]: No, he has allergies.

6 [REDACTED]: Allergies in his eye and we --

7 MS. [REDACTED]: And a toll road would not do well for our  
8 kitty, would he?

9 [REDACTED]: A toll road would not do good for our cat.

10 [REDACTED]: There would be too much dust.

11 [REDACTED]: There would be too much dust for [REDACTED]

12 MS. [REDACTED]: We have a very high maintenance cat.

13 THE INTERVIEWER: Clearly.

14 MS. [REDACTED]: So anyway, we're here and my husband is  
15 over there. He's in that line and we just have been  
16 fighting this with all of our community that is here,  
17 shows up tonight, which is really great for, I feel, for  
18 San Clemente.

19 We're a very loving, strong town and we're the  
20 one town, one team. That's how we do things. And I just  
21 really -- I just can't imagine. I just can't imagine it  
22 trying to even come through, through the construction  
23 process and then obviously having it there. I really  
24 feel that it would just completely decimate our town.

25 THE INTERVIEWER: Okay, thank you so much for your

1 time. Real appreciate it. Thanks, guys. Can I get your  
2 names and what city you guys live in.

3 MS. [REDACTED]: Catherine [REDACTED], San Clemente.

4 MR. [REDACTED]: Chuck [REDACTED], San Clemente.

5 THE INTERVIEWER: And what brings you guys out here  
6 today?

7 MS. [REDACTED]: We are in opposition of the toll road  
8 that's being considered to be built through San Clemente.

9 THE INTERVIEWER: And why is that?

10 MS. [REDACTED]: We don't believe that it's an  
11 appropriate step for the safety and the growth of our  
12 community. We feel that it puts our children and the  
13 children of other community members at risk building a  
14 road right through and over a number of our community  
15 schools.

16 THE INTERVIEWER: And do you think traffic  
17 congestion is a problem in San Clemente or not so much  
18 and, if it is a problem, what would your ideas be to help  
19 solve that problem?

20 MS. [REDACTED]: We knew that traffic was an issue in  
21 San Clemente when we moved here. We don't believe that a  
22 toll road is going to solve that problem. We're  
23 believers in public transportation and we believe that if  
24 our community put more money into things like the trolley  
25 that they just opened over Memorial Day weekend, that

1 that could really benefit our community and our children.

2 MR. [REDACTED]: No, I mean I don't feel like we  
3 necessarily have a traffic problem in San Clemente, maybe  
4 passing through San Clemente when you're on the 5, but  
5 that's just part of it. I mean you go through a lot of  
6 other cities and you have traffic issues and we don't  
7 want another toll road running through our schools, our  
8 communities, and devaluing our houses.

9 THE INTERVIEWER: All right. Thank you very much.  
10 I appreciate your time.

11 MS. [REDACTED]: Thank you for your time.

12 THE INTERVIEWER: Let me get your name and what city  
13 you live in.

14 [REDACTED]: Okay. I'm [REDACTED] and I live in  
15 San Clemente and I go to [REDACTED].

16 THE INTERVIEWER: Okay, and how old are you, [REDACTED]

17 [REDACTED]: I'm [REDACTED]

18 THE INTERVIEWER: Okay. So what are you doing out  
19 here today?

20 [REDACTED]: I'm in opposition of the toll road.  
21 I do not think that it will help our community. It will  
22 cause more pollution and more traffic, and it will create  
23 much more chaos in the city.

24 THE INTERVIEWER: And what would you think of some  
25 solutions to the traffic problems that we have in the

1 area?

2 [REDACTED]: I think that we have good -- a good  
3 role of traffic through our city and I think that the  
4 trolleys and other public transportation like trains and  
5 such like that will -- are definitely helping with  
6 traffic problems.

7 THE INTERVIEWER: Anything else you wanted to say?

8 [REDACTED]: No, I just want to say that like this  
9 says, "No toll road," and I think it will really affect  
10 our community, our schools, our houses if it goes  
11 through.

12 THE INTERVIEWER: Thank you very much, [REDACTED]. I  
13 appreciate it. Can I get your name and what city you  
14 live in.

15 MS. [REDACTED]: Gayle [REDACTED], I live in San Clemente.

16 THE INTERVIEWER: And tell me a little bit about  
17 what brings you out here today.

18 MS. [REDACTED]: We're here to oppose the toll roads.

19 THE INTERVIEWER: And tell me why.

20 MS. [REDACTED]: Part of the reason we moved to San  
21 Clemente was because we've lived places like Los Angeles,  
22 Washington, Atlanta with horrible traffic. San Clemente  
23 doesn't have horrible traffic. It's a quaint little  
24 beach town.

25 All of their proposals would do nothing but to

1 actually create a traffic problem. The corridor they're  
2 citing as a traffic problem, I travel up and down that  
3 three, four times a day, including during rush hour.  
4 Holidays are the only time you're ever going to find  
5 traffic backed up on there and those are incredibly  
6 biased pictures that people who have an interest in this  
7 toll road are using right now. And I'm incredibly  
8 offended by the back-handed nature and the way this is  
9 being done.

10 THE INTERVIEWER: Okay. Well, how would you do it  
11 differently? What would you do differently?

12 MS. [REDACTED]: Besides disbanding the TCA? Well, that's  
13 the first step. But there are some alternate routes.  
14 Take something inland down to San Diego. If you want to  
15 get down to San Diego, go down through the areas that  
16 don't have established communities. It's ridiculous what  
17 they're proposing.

18 THE INTERVIEWER: Anything else you'd like to say?

19 MS. [REDACTED]: No, that's it.

20 THE INTERVIEWER: Can you back up just a hair. Let  
21 me get your names first.

22 [REDACTED]: [REDACTED]  
23 [REDACTED]: [REDACTED]  
24 [REDACTED]: [REDACTED].  
25 [REDACTED]: [REDACTED]

1 THE INTERVIEWER: And you're all from San Clemente?

2 GROUP SPEAKING: Yes.

3 THE INTERVIEWER: Tell me a little bit about what  
4 you're doing out here today.

5 [REDACTED]: Our bio teacher really told us about  
6 how this would have a terrible effect on our community  
7 and we know, like, how it will increase noise pollution  
8 and really affect, like, our school specifically and  
9 increase temperatures and like --

10 [REDACTED]: Yeah, we go to San Clemente High  
11 School so one of the propositions goes straight through  
12 our high school, which would be really terrible for us  
13 because we all play sports and the release of CO2 and  
14 other fossil fuels around our school would be really,  
15 like, detrimental to our school and our overall  
16 community. So I think it's really important that we all  
17 get together and just show that we are united as a  
18 community.

19 [REDACTED]: And I also think, like, another reason  
20 why this would be, like, a super terrible idea is because  
21 it would go through, like, one of our last natural  
22 watersheds here. And that's a huge problem that  
23 definitely threatens our water security and our fresh  
24 water. And especially since we're already in a drought,  
25 like, this would definitely, like, increase that and make

1 it worse.

2 [REDACTED]: Along with the watershed, it will  
3 also affect our habitats. And if our habitats are  
4 affected, over time we'll notice negative changes in our  
5 environment and our atmosphere as well.

6 [REDACTED]: It's really going to affect the  
7 atmosphere because all of the cars are going to be  
8 releasing all of these, like, dangerous gases into the  
9 atmosphere and it's going to, like, break down the ozone  
10 layer, which will destroy, like, the atmosphere and then  
11 everybody will get UV radiation and that would be bad.

12 [REDACTED]: This is also on top of the freeway  
13 that runs directly next to our school right now, so it's  
14 just causing more and more build-up to occur.

15 THE INTERVIEWER: Anything else anybody wants to  
16 say?

17 [REDACTED]: I think we're good.

18 THE INTERVIEWER: Thank you very much. Appreciate  
19 your time. What city do you live in?

20 MR. [REDACTED]: Greg [REDACTED], I live in San Clemente.

21 THE INTERVIEWER: Okay, and tell me a little bit  
22 about what brings you out here today.

23 MR. [REDACTED]: You know, we wanted to come out here as  
24 a family and as a unit just to talk about how we are not  
25 in support of the toll roads going through South Orange

1 County in any of the four or five cities that it's  
2 supposedly proposed to.

3 THE INTERVIEWER: Okay. So none of the alignment?

4 MR. [REDACTED]: No, none of the alignments. We just  
5 think that it's a degradation of life, it's visual  
6 pollution, noise pollution, air pollution, you know. You  
7 also have the open space factor as well where, you know,  
8 people move to South Orange County to live in the open  
9 space, you know, just kind of the natural preserve, the  
10 wild, things like that.

11 THE INTERVIEWER: So any thoughts to if we didn't  
12 build any more toll road extension and stopped at Oso,  
13 any other traffic relief options that you think might be  
14 effective?

15 MR. [REDACTED]: Yeah, I think that there's a couple  
16 different options. One would be to really get the  
17 arterial roads a chance. And then also another would be,  
18 you know, the I-5 is being widened right now San  
19 Clemente. So that's definitely -- I think if anything is  
20 done, you really have to wait until that thing is  
21 completed to see what kind of affect it does on traffic  
22 because truthfully most people that live in South Orange  
23 County, the toll road is really -- it's an organization  
24 that's supposed to provide mobility relief.

25 THE INTERVIEWER: Right.

1 MR. [REDACTED]: And everybody is trying to provide that.  
2 But everybody in South Orange County doesn't work in San  
3 Diego. They all work in North County, in Irvine, or they  
4 work in Newport so there's really no reason to extend it  
5 from Oso in our opinion.

6 THE INTERVIEWER: Okay.

7 [REDACTED] SPEAKER: Yeah, well, I feel like there's  
8 people -- if you make the toll road go through San  
9 Clemente or any of these towns that are being proposed,  
10 it's just going to invite more traffic. If you expand  
11 it, they will come. If you build it, they will come.

12 So just let the arterial routes work themselves  
13 out, study the widening of the I-5 and see from there and  
14 really assess it, instead of just jamming it -- we  
15 personally -- I personally feel it's being jammed down  
16 our throats, and I don't think that anybody who is in --  
17 who wants this project to go through lives in any of our  
18 communities and doesn't really care. That's how it comes  
19 across.

20 MR. [REDACTED]: And the one thing I wanted to say is  
21 that, you know, I think most people you'll see at this  
22 rally right here tonight are from San Clemente. But  
23 truthfully all the 5 cities in our opinion are standing  
24 united, which is San Juan, San Clemente, the Ranch,  
25 Ladera Ranch, and also RSM. We just say no to the toll

1 roads.

2 [REDACTED] SPEAKER: Especially being so close to  
3 schools and to sports parks where kids play sports. It  
4 doesn't make any sense.

5 MR. [REDACTED]: And I mean I volunteer. I head coach  
6 volunteer sports, youth sports, year round. And so I  
7 really feel for the kids. I want to speak on behalf of  
8 the kids that it just doesn't do anybody any good with  
9 the impact of the air pollution so close to the field  
10 like Jen said.

11 [REDACTED] SPEAKER: Bummer, just a bummer.

12 [REDACTED]: Did the Cubs beat the Cardinals this  
13 weekend?

14 THE INTERVIEWER: I'm from St. Louis and you know  
15 that they did. And I don't even like you answering that  
16 question. Just for that, we're deleting this whole  
17 interview. I'm teasing you. Name and what city you live  
18 in.

19 MS. [REDACTED]: Holly [REDACTED] and San Clemente.

20 THE INTERVIEWER: Okay. And tell me what brings you  
21 out here tonight.

22 MS. [REDACTED]: Save our children. I feel like I can't  
23 believe that it's even considered that they would put a  
24 toll road that is by six schools in San Clemente, as well  
25 as you'll go by Tesoro and San Juan Hills High School,

1 just the pollution, the proving facts of asthma, all the  
2 homes that will be destroyed. I just feel so strongly it  
3 will ruin the city of San Clemente.

4 THE INTERVIEWER: What traffic relief solutions  
5 would you have if you could wave a magic wand? What do  
6 you think some solutions might be?

7 MS. [REDACTED]: Well, I feel like most people are  
8 trying to go north. Like, I know there's a lot of talk  
9 that's about Rancho Mission Viejo, but I don't believe  
10 that the work centers that they're trying to get is  
11 south. I think it's more north. So it would have to be  
12 something that would help them connect north.

13 I think a toll road -- if you go on the toll  
14 roads any day during the week, they're pretty empty. I  
15 don't know if that's the pricing or whatnot, but it's not  
16 like those are busy. I feel like once they finish  
17 widening Pico, you're going to see a lot of traffic  
18 relief. There's, like, multiple lanes that we don't even  
19 know the effects of yet. So how can we even think about  
20 adding a road right through a city if you don't even know  
21 what kind of traffic relief we need.

22 THE INTERVIEWER: Anything you guys want to add?  
23 No? All right, thank you so much. Ready? Let me get  
24 your names.

25 [REDACTED].

1 [REDACTED].

2 [REDACTED]

3 THE INTERVIEWER: And you're all from San Clemente;  
4 right?

5 [REDACTED]: Yeah.

6 THE INTERVIEWER: So tell me a little bit about what  
7 you guys are doing out here today.

8 [REDACTED]: We're protesting the toll roads that are  
9 supposed to go through our school.

10 THE INTERVIEWER: And why are you protesting the  
11 toll road?

12 [REDACTED]: Because it's like --

13 [REDACTED]: Because there's going to be so much more  
14 smog from the cars and it's going to be so much more  
15 congested, like the 91 is, because there's going to be  
16 more cars. And if something is working well right now,  
17 why do we have to change that.

18 THE INTERVIEWER: Do you think everything is working  
19 well right now?

20 [REDACTED]: Well, they're expanding the freeway so there  
21 is a lot of traffic because that's construction. But  
22 once that's done, then it will be okay.

23 [REDACTED]: Yeah, once the construction flows out, we'll  
24 be happy and healthy community.

25 THE INTERVIEWER: Would you want to see them wait

1 and do traffic studies until after the construction is  
2 done so they can find out what the traffic really is  
3 like?

4 [REDACTED]: That would be a lot more accurate.

5 [REDACTED]: Yeah, a much smarter decision rather than  
6 putting the cart before the horse and just, like, doing,  
7 yeah.

8 [REDACTED]: Yeah.

9 THE INTERVIEWER: Anything else you guys want to  
10 say?

11 [REDACTED]: Don't do the toll road.

12 THE INTERVIEWER: All right. State your name and  
13 what city you live in.

14 MR. [REDACTED]: Steve [REDACTED], San Clemente.

15 [REDACTED]: [REDACTED], San Clemente as well.

16 THE INTERVIEWER: Okay, and tell me what brings you  
17 guys out here today.

18 MR. [REDACTED]: Well, we're both against the toll road.  
19 We're long-time San Clemente residents and we think this  
20 is going to have a major adverse impact on our community.

21 THE INTERVIEWER: And if you're long-time San  
22 Clemente residents, I'm sure you remember the wars that  
23 occurred way back in the day when they were trying to  
24 build the toll road around the back side of San Clemente  
25 and connect to the 5 freeway and that was shot down.

1           Was that something that you guys were supportive  
2 of or opposed to or didn't really care one way or the  
3 other about?

4           MR. [REDACTED]: Well, you know, we were opposed at that  
5 time as well and I think the biggest thing that we've  
6 looked at we've talked to folks that work for the Orange  
7 County Transportation Authority and they've told us, hey,  
8 there's just not a need for an additional major arterial  
9 freeway through San Clemente.

10           They've done traffic studies around it. If you  
11 think about it, the carpool lane ends right before San  
12 Juan Capistrano. If there's really a need for additional  
13 traffic through San Clemente, extend the carpool lane all  
14 the way through San Clemente.

15           THE INTERVIEWER: That's part of the work they're  
16 doing in the middle through Pico.

17           MR. [REDACTED]: Oh, is it? Okay.

18           THE INTERVIEWER: Yeah, the freeway. It's going to  
19 be extended right past Pico. And they're eventually  
20 going to get it down to the county line.

21           MR. [REDACTED]: Okay.

22           THE INTERVIEWER: But that's a traffic relief option  
23 that they're working on.

24           MR. [REDACTED]: Right, and you can also increase the  
25 width of the I-5 freeway as well, so those are all

1 options.

2 THE INTERVIEWER: And what are your thoughts about  
3 it?

4 [REDACTED]: Well, I'm going to be a future student  
5 at [REDACTED] next year and I'm also  
6 playing [REDACTED] in the [REDACTED] program as a freshman.  
7 And as you know, the I-5 goes right behind the football  
8 field and that already is super loud and has air  
9 pollution effects on the players on the football field  
10 and the students in general.

11 So if we have another highway going right across  
12 and cutting just over behind the football field, I mean  
13 what's that going to do to our lungs. I mean that's  
14 going to be a huge problem as well.

15 THE INTERVIEWER: Anything else you guys want to  
16 say?

17 MR. [REDACTED]: Well, we are just, you know, we're  
18 supporting our community. This is going to make a huge  
19 impact on overall San Clemente life. It's a beautiful  
20 beach town. We love living here. And putting an  
21 additional freeway right through the middle of San  
22 Clemente really would destroy South Orange County.

23 THE INTERVIEWER: Okay, thank you very much,  
24 appreciate your time. Solution 19, okay. First, let me  
25 get your name and what city you live in.

1 MR. [REDACTED]: Done [REDACTED], San Clemente.

2 THE INTERVIEWER: And tell me a little bit about  
3 what you have here, Solution 19.

4 MR. [REDACTED]: Well, I decided to come up with an idea  
5 from the Green Alignment that was disallowed or whatever.  
6 To the people that are no longer with us, we still are  
7 fighting. And this is another solution for them to look  
8 at.

9 They say they want us to submit them and so here  
10 it is. Here's a solution. Get that money, the  
11 \$27 million that they got from settlement, and put it to  
12 good use.

13 THE INTERVIEWER: Tell me about this alignment here.

14 MR. [REDACTED]: We environmentally study it and put it  
15 underground. Put it somewhere where it won't affect  
16 anything and start off with no off-ramps, no development  
17 whatsoever, no Starbucks, no 7-Elevens. And also with  
18 new technologies coming, electronic wavelength for each  
19 car that rides on it also can then be monitored. Please  
20 accept my idea, number 19, please.

21 THE INTERVIEWER: Thank you very much. Let me get  
22 your name and what city you live in.

23 MR. [REDACTED]: Hi, my name is Mark [REDACTED]. I live in  
24 San Clemente, California.

25 THE INTERVIEWER: Okay. And tell me a little bit

1 about what brought you out here tonight.

2 MR. [REDACTED]: Well, I'm concerned because I agree with  
3 the previous commenter. I think this is sort of being  
4 crammed down -- moving very -- way too fast without  
5 enough public input. And my primary concern is that  
6 they've abandoned going through Camp Pendleton or using  
7 that.

8 And I think the important issues there within  
9 the first five miles on the northern end of Camp  
10 Pendleton you have a power plant, you have the 5 freeway,  
11 you have a public transportation railway, and the TCA is  
12 saying that we can't build a toll road through Camp  
13 Pendleton. And that just seems like complete rubbish.

14 They need to, you know, cordially work with the  
15 U.S. Marines to make that a viable option. And one of  
16 the other things I didn't mention too is there is a U.S.  
17 immigration station there also. And so with all of this  
18 going on, it's clearly not earmarked for U.S. Marine  
19 training exclusively like they're representing.

20 And so the U.S. government is going to need to  
21 give some of that land for the toll road. And so it's  
22 not, you know, I think we all -- all of us who live in  
23 Southern California know that freeways are part of a  
24 landscape that's being developed or overdeveloped and  
25 we're all concerned about overdevelopment.

1           And so adding -- we know that that toll road --  
2           some of us do know that toll road needs to connect with  
3           the 5 eventually with the growing U.S. population. And  
4           so it's just got to be done responsibly and not in a way  
5           that treads on people, other people's rights.

6           And I don't believe that the TCA is being  
7           honest. I think that, you know, it's almost like they're  
8           working with the developers here and they're just trying  
9           to develop more land. And at the end of the day, it's  
10          the almighty dollar that's at work here.

11          I think at the end of the day, TCA, I'm pleading  
12          with you just to do the right thing and be honest and not  
13          tread on people who don't deserve this. We don't even  
14          deserve the threat. We shouldn't have to defend our  
15          home, you know. I think there's a moral issue here. And  
16          I want you guys to really check your conscience because  
17          you're threatening people's lives and you're really  
18          affecting our quality of life having to defend our own  
19          home.

20          And one of the things that was said in that  
21          meeting, they asked -- somebody in the back yelled out  
22          "What about your home? Where do you live? Do you want  
23          me to threaten your home? Do you want me to threaten  
24          your family?" Because we feel threatened and that's not  
25          fair. Okay. And this conversation isn't fair. This is

1 not a fair conversation. It's not a fair process.  
2 You're threatening us and we don't deserve that. Thank  
3 you.

4 THE INTERVIEWER: Thanks a lot, appreciate it.  
5 Names and what city you guys live in.

6 [REDACTED]: I'm [REDACTED] and I'm from San Clemente.

7 [REDACTED]: I'm [REDACTED] and I'm from San Clemente.

8 THE INTERVIEWER: Okay, and what brings you out here  
9 today?

10 [REDACTED]: Well, we're here to...

11 [REDACTED]: To say no to the toll road because, like,  
12 my little -- like, I'm leaving for college but that  
13 doesn't mean that it's still not my city. And my little  
14 brothers are growing up here and I want them to live in a  
15 clean, safe environment, not with two freeways going  
16 through.

17 [REDACTED]: We're here to show that San Clemente should  
18 have a voice in what happens in our town, our home, our  
19 lives. It's not up to an organization. These are real  
20 lives that people are disrupting when really I doubt they  
21 even live here.

22 [REDACTED]: Yeah, and I don't think someone should  
23 decide the fate of the town and the sustainability of the  
24 town just for a profit. I think they should listen to us  
25 and not shut us out, listen to what we have to say. So

1 that's why I'm here.

2 THE INTERVIEWER: Well, that's what we're doing.  
3 Thank you so much. I appreciate your time. Okay, let me  
4 get your name and what city you're from.

5 [REDACTED]: [REDACTED], San Clemente.

6 THE INTERVIEWER: Okay. Tell me about what brings  
7 you out here today.

8 [REDACTED]: What brings me out here today is  
9 the fact that I vehemently oppose the toll road going  
10 through San Clemente, or anywhere for that matter, due to  
11 the fact that it is a catastrophe for the environment as  
12 well as public health.

13 I feel as though the particulate matter that  
14 would come off from the toll road near our schools with  
15 Option 14 is just completely -- it would be a catastrophe  
16 for our health as students. We already have one highway  
17 running right by us, and anymore would just be horrible  
18 for our health.

19 Furthermore, I don't really see how this is  
20 better than the San Mateo option because it's actually  
21 going to be going through more untouched land, through  
22 untouched chaparral land, it's going to be going through  
23 a bunch of endangered species' habitats, and it's going  
24 to be affecting another watershed, which is why everyone  
25 got so upset over the first time that it was going to be

1 affecting the San Mateo watershed. Well, now we'll just  
2 have a San Clemente watershed and it's no better than the  
3 first time.

4 THE INTERVIEWER: You have an X through Surfrider  
5 here. What's that all about?

6 [REDACTED]: So Surfrider is part of a 30  
7 million dollar settlement with the TCA and they're now  
8 backing the toll road options through San Clemente, so  
9 I'm basically -- a lot of people aren't aware of it so  
10 I'm here to show that we're pretty pissed off at the  
11 Surfrider Foundation supporting it.

12 THE INTERVIEWER: Okay, thank you very much,  
13 appreciate it. Okay, let me get your name and what city  
14 you're from.

15 [REDACTED]: I'm [REDACTED]. I'm from Rancho Santa  
16 Margarita.

17 THE INTERVIEWER: Okay, and tell me what brings you  
18 out here today.

19 [REDACTED]: I came out here today for my buddy  
20 [REDACTED] and everyone else who lives in San Clemente and  
21 thinks that the toll road would be detrimental to the  
22 environment and to the educational programs. Like, I go  
23 to [REDACTED] or I went to [REDACTED] recently, just graduated,  
24 and they're already starting to build the freeway right  
25 next to it. And the freeway is so close and I just -- I

1 have two younger siblings at [REDACTED]

2 And from what they've told me is that with the  
3 toll road that close to Tesoro, especially with, like,  
4 California laws where you can't have a toll road, like, I  
5 think it's within 500 feet of a school, like, it can  
6 hinder education.

7 And then also there's a lot of, like, coyotes  
8 and wild animals that live over by Tesoro in the areas  
9 the toll road would cut through. The toll road would  
10 then harm their ecosystems and the environment around  
11 them. So I think the toll road is not necessary and if  
12 it does, like, one thing bad to harm the environment,  
13 then that's enough to not have it go through.

14 THE INTERVIEWER: Do you think we have a traffic  
15 problem and, if we do, what would you do to solve the  
16 problem?

17 [REDACTED]: Well, the traffic problem, unless I'm  
18 mistaken, is the toll road would be going through, like,  
19 they'd be heading towards south, which would help more  
20 people get to San Diego. And from what I've read is that  
21 a lot of the business, like people go from Orange County  
22 to San Diego. It only counts for two percent of, like,  
23 people that live in Orange County in that area that work  
24 in San Diego. So I'm not sure how much the traffic  
25 problem would really solve. That's about really all I

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have to say.

THE INTERVIEWER: All right. Thank you very much.  
Anything else you want to say?

██████████: I think that's it.

THE INTERVIEWER: Thanks a lot. I appreciate it.

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