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June 1, 2017

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RE: State Route 241 Toll Road Extension

Stephanie Ramsey
Councilmember

Dear Mr. Sachs:

“Encouraging public comment on a range of topics affecting our community and representing the interests of Ladera Ranch residents as a volunteer non-profit public benefit council.”

As you know, the Ladera Ranch Civic Council is very engaged in local and regional issues that concern the residents of this community. At a recent Civic Council meeting in February, residents received a presentation from the Transportation Corridor Agencies. During that meeting, Mr. Kraman provided valuable information regarding the settlement of legal disputes that heretofore had prevented the toll road extension project. Mr. Kraman also shared community outreach efforts to explore alternative routes. Based on this information, the Civic Council understood that various options were being explored but that no single option is actively being pursued for development at this time.

Subsequent to the Civic Council meeting, certain members of the community requested a follow-up discussion based on concerns regarding preliminary and potential options identified as a result of the TCA's community outreach efforts. Specifically, the community requested a discussion of Toll Road Extension Options #9 and #18, which have the potential to bring the 241 toll road much closer to existing homes within the communities of both Ladera Ranch and Rancho Mission Viejo. Based on this, the Civic Council invited TCA staff to provide an updated presentation.

Given that the TCA's stated goal is to relieve traffic congestion on the Interstate-5 South, it remains unclear how Options #9 and #18 would improve traffic moving north to south. Rather, these options would shift traffic patterns from one community to another and exponentially increase traffic in our area. Such a change would negatively impact the quality of life in Ladera Ranch and Rancho Mission Viejo. For these reasons, the Civic Council strongly opposes any option that would extend the toll road within close proximity or through our communities and requests that the TCA Board remove these as options for future consideration.

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Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Civic Council via email at lrcboard@googlegroups.com. Additionally, if any member of the TCA Board would like to speak to the Civic Council in person, you are welcome to attend one of our public meetings which take place the third Monday of each month at the Rancho Santa Margarita Water District Boardroom. Again, we appreciate your time and attention to this important issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jett McCormick". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "J".

Jett McCormick
Chair
Ladera Ranch Civic Council