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Summary: At a meeting of the Historic Highland Park Neighborhood Council (HHPNC) held on November 3, 2016, the board members voted to support CF #16-1068 and the City Council's opposition to the Refined E2 Alignment for the California High Speed Rail Authority's Palmdale to Burbank project segment.

In addition, pursuant to the attached letter, HHPNC urges the Council to take stronger action on other elements of the High Speed Rail project to protect the interests of its and their stakeholders.

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Historic Highland Park Neighborhood Council

November 3, 2016

Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti and the Members of the Los Angeles City Council
200 N. Spring Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: Protect Los Angeles' interests in connection with California's high speed rail project
(CF 16-1068)

The Historic Highland Park Neighborhood Council which represents over 60,000 Los Angeles stakeholders who reside, own property, or conduct business in our neighborhood, wishes to raise concerns about the State's high speed rail project based on not only the cost but also its potential impact on our City.

We request that the City Council appoint a committee to address and act upon the following:

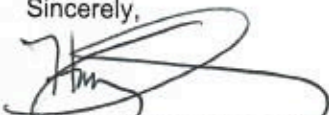
- (a) that any new rail construction in the City MUST be state-of-the-art not 19th century steel-on-steel technology which is noisy and dangerous as well as polluting;

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- (b) that any new rail construction in the City MUST use existing transport corridors (freeway or rail) to avoid the worst environmental impacts of construction and use and, specifically avoid any impact on the Los Angeles River;
- (c) that NO rail construction in the City, except in extraordinary situations subject to both City AND neighborhood approval, shall require eminent domain seizures of real property including 'short' term disruption of business and residential enjoyment and access during multi-year construction; AND
- (d) there be full transparency and accountability about what the City and its stakeholders are getting in return for funding Jerry Brown's signature project i.e. if the intent is to allow commuters from greater distances, then the actual intra-city travel times will be much greater than is being promised and the under three-hour San Francisco to LA trip could easily be closer to six.

Based on information we are hearing, the Historic Highland Park Neighborhood Council requests City Council take immediate action on this matter to protect the interests of the Los Angeles electorate and the neighborhoods.

Sincerely,



Harvey Slater, President
Historic Highland Park Neighborhood Council