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COUNCILWOMAN, 7TH DISTRICT

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Dan Richard, Chair
California High-Speed Rail Authority
770 L Street, Suite 1160
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Chairman Richard:

RE: ALTERNATIVE HIGH SPEED RAIL PROJECT ALIGNMENT

I am writing to advocate for the inclusion of an alternative alignment for the Palmdale-to-Burbank project segment of the California High Speed Rail study.

I strongly encourage the inclusion of an alternative alignment with the terminus in Palmdale and redirecting funding for the remaining segment of the High Speed Rail Alignment to investments in the existing Metrolink Antelope Valley Line. I join my colleagues Mayor Eric Garcetti, Assemblymember Raul Bocanegra, and State Senator Bob Hertzberg in their previously documented concerns about the current proposed routes.

In partnership with my colleagues at the State Legislature, I am requesting to meet with you and present this proposal. I firmly believe it is the only option that best addresses our transportation needs while protecting our communities.

The hillside communities of the current proposed alignments, are home to residential neighborhoods, open spaces, and hiking and equestrian trails. These communities and the Angeles National Forest must be protected. My proposed alternative would provide connectivity for a High Speed Rail Line alignment, while enhancing and growing the capacity of the existing commuter service line within the region.

Thank you in advance for your immediate attention to this important matter and I look forward to hearing from you on coordinating the meeting.

Sincerely,

Councilwoman Monica Rodriguez
Seventh District