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"Fostering Quality of Life in our Community"

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San Rafael School District Planning Director

Re: San Rafael High School Capital Project DEIR

The Point San Pedro Road Coalition (Coalition)) is an organization representing the interests of over 7000 residents living in East San Rafael. On January 20, 2017, a City staff member mentioned to us that comments on the San Rafael High Capital Improvement Projects DEIR were due on January 30. This did not provide us very adequate time to respond in detail to the proposed Project.

The Coalition has been working with the San Rafael Public Works Department on addressing Road safety and congestion issues on Point San Pedro Road. As part of this effort we have worked closely with School Board Member Greg Knell and are committed to working collaboratively with other School District staff. Given our existing involvement with the school district, we were distressed that we were not directly notified of this DEIR, and that inadequate time was given due to the holidays to review the DEIR and develop a proper response.

In general, the Coalition's Board of Directors supports the comments submitted by the Montecito Area Residents Association (MARA) in their January 26 letter to you. Like MARA, we are committed to find solutions that would allow the San Rafael High School Improvement Project to be constructed. Given the lack of time, we cannot provide you with such a detailed response, but instead wanted to provide you with some general comments and concerns of East San Rafael residents that must be addressed.

The Coalition is concerned that the SRHS Project could result in East San Rafael residents experiencing an unnecessary increase in the existing traffic congestion while traveling through the area of SRHS, specifically on 3rd Street, to reach San Rafael's Downtown or to access the freeway on- ramps. This is especially concerning as 3rd Street is the sole ingress/egress for our residents. Congestion could be caused by additional driveways into school property, lack of well-defined pick-up and drop-off areas, or lack of parking to accommodate larger crowds at the stadium.

For example, should there be a separate entrance and exit from Point San Pedro Road (PSPR) into and out of the new parking lot proposed to be located at the end of the new stadium? Perhaps the lot should be accessed thru the existing big parking lot. Are there adequate drop off and pick up locations for students? Will their location add additional traffic on PSPR? Has any consideration been given to alleviating traffic congestion near the school by banning pick up and drop off at the school such as is done at

Mill Valley Middle School? Will the new events at the stadium increase traffic and congestion on City streets around the school? Can the new parking demand be handled on the campus?

The Coalition would like to be actively involved as the DEIR and the project in general progresses to find acceptable solutions to the issues identified in MARA's letter and this letter from the Coalition. Please contact our Co-Presidents and/or our Board Member and Chair of our Roadway Committee, Kevin Hagerty, so that we might be a part of this process.

Regards,

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