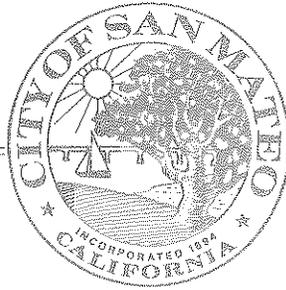


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The Honorable Jackie Speier
United States House of Representatives
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Dear Congresswoman Speier,

On behalf of the communities representing the Bay Area Peninsula, we want to thank you for your staunch representation of our concerns regarding high speed rail. We are writing to ask for your help to secure additional federal funds to make sure the high speed rail project is built through our communities in a manner consistent with our General and Specific Plans and the character and quality of our neighborhoods.

As you know, high speed rail is the largest public infrastructure project ever undertaken in California. It could benefit our State through job creation, reduction of greenhouse gases, and creation of a modern, sustainable transportation system that will carry California through the 21st century. It further has the potential to improve our communities' quality of life and tie our communities more closely together, if built in a manner that does not divide our cities.

However, communities along the Peninsula between San Jose and San Francisco are rightfully concerned with how high speed rail will travel through our communities. As the elected representatives of these communities, we support high speed rail but need to ensure that the project is built properly without adverse impacts to our communities.

Additional funding for the Peninsula portion of the high speed rail project to assist in both the design and construction of high speed rail would go a long way toward helping alleviate the concerns in our community. It has been suggested that cities pay for the cost differential between their preferred design and the least expensive design – a proposal that is unreasonable and, in the current economic conditions, impossible. Adequate funding will enable design engineers to create an uncovered and covered trench solution that has the lowest possible impact on our communities.

Honorable Jackie Speier

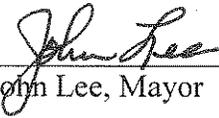
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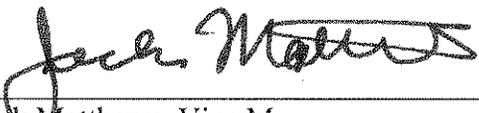
We respectfully request a meeting with you and representative officials from our Cities to reiterate our support for high speed rail and to outline how additional federal funds would ensure that high speed rail is built in a manner consistent with our neighborhoods.

Thank you again for your support and tireless work on this crucial issue. We look forward to meeting with you.

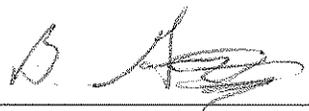
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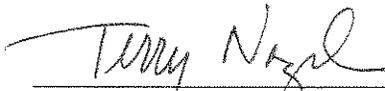


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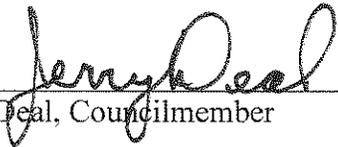
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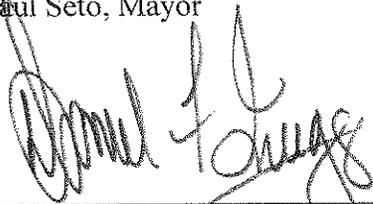


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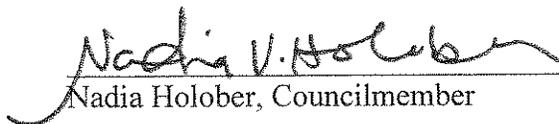
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