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Mr. Roelof van Ark
Chief Executive Officer
California High-Speed Rail Authority
925 L Street, Suite 1425
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Mr. Van Ark:

We read with interest your comments made in Gilroy recently (<http://www.gilroydispatch.com/news/271159-bullet-train-ceo-makes-stop-in-gilroy>). In particular, the reporter seems to indicate a policy position from CHSRA that is a departure from our understanding, and one on which we seek urgent clarification. Specifically, it is reported that,

"We'd like to see them pay to design a station," said Woodward, who feels the CHSRA should follow the existing rail corridor and be in a trench, if possible. He would also like to see a parklike setting surrounding the area so it's not any more of an eyesore than it has to be. **During the meeting, it was revealed trenching would not be an option in any city, unless the city wanted to pay for the trenching itself.**

Please advise whether it is indeed the CHSRA's policy that it will not pay for trenching in any city. If this is not the policy, please state what CHSRA's policy is with respect to paying for an alignment that runs in a trench through a city.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Terry Nagel
Mayor