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 CONCERNING THE MIDCOUNTY PARKWAY

THE MIDCOUNTY PARKWAY / ARGUMENT AGAINST

As a local citizen and homeowner in the immediate area of this project, I must voice my concerns. First off let me say I believe there have not been sufficient studies of the area to determine any historical or archeological significance of many sites contained within the proposed alternative 9 construction zones. Many ancient Indian petro glyph and sacred areas will be destroyed by the building of this parkway. Many wildlife habitats and natural brush and grassland areas would also be permanently destroyed by the parkway and the traffic it would bring. Many of these issues seem to have been overlooked or outright ignored.

This leads us to another point....traffic. The only reason this road is needed is to channel traffic from the corona area THROUGH this area to Moreno Valley, Hemet, San Jacinto, and other points east of here. We don't want the cars, we don't want the pollution, and we don't want the people!

LOCAL RESIDENTS DON'T WANT AND DON'T NEED THIS PARKWAY!!

There is NO WAY that this parkway will benefit the actual residents of this area, but can only succeed in destroying our "off the beaten path" country type lifestyle that the residents of this area have enjoyed for many generations.

As a longtime resident of this area myself, (30 years) I know the reputation that mead valley has, we have been stigmatized as an economically depressed population with little voice or tax dollars to be seriously considered as a political or socially active sector with a lifestyle worth saving. This is completely unfair and reeks of racial and economic discrimination. I, as many local residents do, believe that this parkway should not be built. If it is built, it should be constructed along the main thoroughfares that are already in use, i.e. Ramona Expressway/Cajalco Road.

At the present time we are forming a coalition of residents and homeowners to take up the task of protecting the local Eco-system, our immediate environment and adjacent historical sites. These are things that cannot be taken lightly considering the serious impact all of these issues have on the planet. We must as responsible human beings take a grassroots approach and fight locally on all these fronts to appreciate and protect a natural and harmonious way of life to preserve such a precious gift for all generations to come.

Signed this day 12-30-08, 2008

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Residents of the ALTERNATIVE 9 Route of the MIDCOUNTY PARKWAY