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PUBLIC HEARING COMMUNITY OUTREACH  
MID-COUNTY PARKWAY PROJECT  
LAKESIDE MIDDLE SCHOOL  
27720 WALNUT STREET, PERRIS CA 92571

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2013

5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

In the matter of the )  
Mid-County Parkway Project )  
Public Meeting/Hearing )  
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1 MS. ROPAC: My name is Lindsay,  
2 L-i-n-d-s-a-y, middle initial M, last name Ropac,  
3 R-o-p-a-c, like in "cat." And my husband is Victor  
4 Ropac. And we live at 20310 Evans Road, Perris,  
5 California 92571.

6 Okay. I'm going to go ahead and read this.  
7 We're not a big fan of this.

8 It has been something in the works for about  
9 ten years. These are comments on the Mid-County Parkway  
10 Project:

11 We've lived on Evans Road for over 22 years.  
12 We moved to this community for a rural lifestyle where  
13 we could raise our family and our animals.

14 The Mid-County Parkway will adversely affect  
15 our quality of life and that of our entire Perris  
16 community. Placentia, spelled P-l-a-c-e-n-t-i-a, is  
17 currently a dirt road where it crosses Evans Road.

18 Changing this to a parkway with four lanes  
19 of traffic with additional room for road, shoulders, for  
20 stalled vehicles, and off-ramps, et cetera, will  
21 completely change the character of the neighborhood.

22 Evans Road and our entire community will be  
23 bisected with an unending stream of commercial trucks  
24 and cars. It will increase air pollution and noise, and  
25 a once quiet neighborhood will be destroyed.

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1           Property values will plummet. There is an  
2 existing parkway that would not destroy neighborhoods  
3 and the quality of life. It is the Ramona Expressway.  
4 With only minor improvements, it would serve the purpose  
5 of the transportation corridor and not disrupt existing  
6 neighborhoods.

7           It has been a high-speed corridor for many  
8 years and making it into a parkway would not change the  
9 character of the surrounding community.

10           If there is a need for more people,  
11 vehicular traffic, noise and pollution streaming into  
12 San Jacinto and Hemet, this need can be easily met by  
13 improving the Ramona Expressway.

14           The rural nature of the Perris community  
15 with Perris Lake and its surrounding hills, meadows, and  
16 open areas is also a migration path for migratory water  
17 fowl, bald eagles, Perigrine, red-tailed hawks kestrels,  
18 turkey vultures, and important song birds.

19           We strongly oppose bringing the parkway  
20 along Placentia Avenue for Perris. Money, time  
21 disruption, of neighborhoods and the rural nature of  
22 this area would be much better served by using the  
23 existing Ramona Expressway.

24           Costs would be reduced by using the Ramona  
25 expressway. And all the natural attributes of Perris

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1 would be preserved, including the families who enjoy  
2 those lifestyles.

3 We just hope they will look more -- focus  
4 more on the existing Ramona Expressway because we can  
5 see by the maps already that it would affect many  
6 households and especially ours.

7 MR. ROPAC: My name is Victor Ropac,  
8 R-o-p-a-c. And I live at 20310 Evans Road.

9 And in addition to my wife's comments, we  
10 just had a chance to look at the alternative, and we  
11 don't really like any of them: Four, five, or nine.  
12 Because nine, basically, takes our property.

13 And four and five puts the six-lane road and  
14 the off-ramp next to our property.

15 As far as, you know, we're concerned, if  
16 they are going to build this thing, we would probably  
17 rather see nine, so that we don't have to live next to  
18 the freeway.

19 We, basically, lived once by Van Buren. And  
20 we moved out here 23 years ago for it to be quiet. And,  
21 basically, you're putting one in next to us again.

22 So of all the alternatives, personally, I  
23 would rather see nine and second alternative four.

24 And most preferably is don't do this. Leave  
25 us alone. But I don't think that will happen.

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1 MS. HILEMAN: Judi Hileman, H-i-l-e-m-a-n. I  
2 feel this is only for commerce. It's not for the  
3 people. It's not anything to do with what the people  
4 need. It's big business, not for people.

5 And it's not wanted. And it will  
6 inconvenience everybody. And then it's going to go to  
7 the other side, who doesn't want it either. So forget  
8 it. T-1-3

9 They should use the 74, use the background  
10 down where there's nothing between the Lake Matthews  
11 area and Gavilan Hills and the Lake Elsinore. There's  
12 absolutely nothing. They could build something big  
13 there to build the commerce truck and the 74 to get them  
14 out of the way.

15 MS. RAKES: I'm Susan Rakes, R-a-k-e-s. I  
16 live on Toliver, 26744 Toliver Road. And we've been  
17 waiting for years, you know, for them to come in and  
18 decide what they're going to do.

19 And because my husband's retired, I'm T-1-4  
20 retired, I want to get out of California. I hate  
21 California. I hate it. We've lived there 23 years in  
22 the same house. There was hardly anything on the street  
23 when we moved there. It was quite nice.

24 But now it's just getting too much traffic.  
25 And if they put that freeway in and miss our house, V

1 we're going to have so much noise, so much traffic.

2 I don't want to live there. So I'm hoping  
3 they pick Number 4. It goes right through our property.  
4 And I can go to Oregon where I'll be very happy. My  
5 family's up there.

6 The only reason I was down here is because I  
7 worked for Stater Bros for 15 years and drove a truck  
8 for them. And now that I'm retired, I want to go.

9 Both my parents passed away. There's  
10 nothing here for me. So I just wish they would hurry up  
11 and do something, instead of leaving the whole community  
12 hanging. Because, you know, I want to -- there's so  
13 many improvements I'd love to do to my home.

14 If they're going to take it, why -- why  
15 spend the money? They're just going to tear it down.  
16 It seems a little crazy, huh? That's it.

17 My husband and I both would love for them to  
18 take Number 4 so we can get out of California. That's  
19 all.

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21 (Whereupon, at the hour of  
22 8:00 p.m., the proceedings  
23 Were concluded.)

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I, CHERE DAVIS, HEARING REPORTER for the State of California, hereby certify:

The foregoing proceedings were taken before me at the time and place therein set forth;

The proceedings were recorded stenographically by me and were thereafter transcribed;

The foregoing transcript is a true and correct transcript of my shorthand notes so taken;

I further certify that I am neither counsel for, nor related to any party to said action, nor in any way interested in the outcome thereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name this 26th day of February, 2013.

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