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Sent: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 10:32 AM
To: Jami Napier <Jami.Napier@cob.cccounty.us>
Cc: Supervisor Candace Andersen <SupervisorAndersen@bos.cccounty.us>
Subject: FW: Joint Exercise Powers Agreement

Dear Ms. Napier,

As I explained in this e-mail below to Supervisor Anderson, my unfamiliarity with the technology for commenting on consent items prevented me from voicing my objections to the Joint Exercise Powers Agreement. I am respectfully requesting that my comments to Supervisor Anderson be made part of the Supervisors' meeting today and be circulated to each Supervisor.

Thank you very much for your attention to this matter.

Kind regards,

Richard Fischer

From: Richard Fischer **Sent:** Tuesday, June 23, 2020 10:25 AM
To: 'supervisorandersen@bos.cccounty.us'
Cc: 'Jami Napier'; 'Jim Blickenstaff'; 'Donna Gerber'; 'logue.family1111@gmail.com'; 'Dick Schneider'
Subject: Joint Exercise Powers Agreement

Dear Supervisor Anderson,

I was attempting to call in on the consent items on today's meeting, but did not realize that the video of the meeting was tape delayed from the actual discussion and I missed my chance to speak on Consent item C 1, the widening of Tassajara Road. I realize I am in District 3, but I believe you have a special fondness for the Tassajara Valley. I realize that consent was given on this item, but did want to state my objections for the next stage of approval of the widening of Tassajara Road.

My name is Richard Fischer and a co-founder of the Tassajara Valley Preservation Association and organization devoted to protecting the county's urban limit line and preserving the rural Tassajara Valley where I have lived for the past 43 years. The County should not approve this Joint Exercise Powers Agreement between the City of Dublin and the County to convert portions of Tassajara Road into a 4 lane arterial.

1. This section of the county is outside of the county's urban limit line. There is no need to construct the beginning of a 4 lane arterial road between Interstate 580 and Interstate 680 for the convenience of Northbound Alameda County commuters to shortcut the congested 580 to northbound 680 turnoff and bring traffic into a rural area
2. I fail to see how this project is consistent with the county's General Plan. The county's own Department of Conservation and Development's finding in 2016 stated that there is enough buildable land within the existing ULL to support population and job growth through 2036. Thus where is this "growth" in the Tassajara Valley, which is outside the ULL, originating from?

3. Any additional safety for bicycle riders will be offset by increased traffic flowing at a higher speed. Riders use Tassajara Road because it is rural. Since this area is undeveloped, pedestrian traffic is almost non-existent.
4. If the county's actual purpose for this project is to open up Tassajara Valley for land developers, and using \$17 million of taxpayer sourced funds to pay for the project, just state this as the purpose. Let's not undermine one of the best tools the County has ever had in preventing sprawl and destruction of open space--the Urban Limit Line--with an un-necessary and growth inducing road widening. It would not only be a misuse of taxpayer money, it would be an abuse of taxpayer money. Let us keep Tassajara Valley rural and outside the ULL.

In the future, the instructions on the county's web site might include a notation to ignore the video feed and rely strictly on the audio phone feed to make comments to the board. Again, thank you for your interest in this matter and I hope further review of this project will result in postponement of road widening improvements, at least until the County's Department of Conservation and Development certifies that the ULL needs to be expanded.

Sincerely,

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