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COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA
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To: Chris Schmuckal, Clerk, Board of Supervisors

Das Williams, Supervisor

11105 E Anapamu St., room 407

Santa Barbara, CA 93101

Dear Sirs,

I am writing you as a resident at 1360 Virginia Rd. I am part of the next corridor of freeway construction (segment 4D). My property abuts on the south bound Olive Mill freeway on ramp. At its closest, the on ramp is probably no more than 10 feet away from my back property line. The ramp provides a long gentle access to the 101 and is perfect for motorcycles, ninja cars, and muscle cars to run through their gears as they enter the freeway. They are noisy—often extremely noisy particularly on Saturday mornings when bike riders are setting off on their rides. I was hoping a sound wall might ameliorate some of their noise and associate air pollution. As we did not flood during the debris flow five years ago, I find it hard to believe that a sound wall would present a flooding risk. Water and mud from the debris flow collected in the depressed freeway which acted as a barrier. The front of my property marks the end of the flood plain/flood fan.

A sound wall behind Virginia Rd. was promised as a part of the freeway expansion, the neighborhood voted to approve it, and then it was taken away by CalTrans based on an interim FEMA Recovery map that was advisory in nature.

The freeway is a necessary presence; however it is noisy and dirty. A sound wall would be a token of neighborliness dispersing noise and pollution.

Sincerely,



Barbara Loebman, 1360 Virginia Rd. Santa Barbara, CA. 93108, barbaraloebman@gmail.com

2/15/23

To: Das Williams

From: Randall Badat

Chris,

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The Carpinteria corridor, which is subject to the same threat of flooding, has a sound wall with flood gates. We deserve and demand the same implementation. To deny us this life-improving aspect to an otherwise life-disrupting undertaking is more than merely prejudicial and unfair... it smacks of political favoritism. Please act on our behalf now.

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As it is now, the noise generated by the freeway is very intrusive.

Public health and safety should supersede the remote problems of a flooding event, the freeway is a 24/7 ongoing issue, the event of a flood is not a sound wall is a step in the right direction.

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