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Public Comment

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Dear County Supervisors,

In every place in CA, where a Countywide Community Workforce Agreement (your name for a Project Labor Agreement) has been tried, it has resulted in higher costs for taxpayers.

As you were apprised, very few contractors in our area are union contractors, therefore the effort to ensure local hire by restricting bids on large construction projects to union contractors was bound to fail and fail it did.

In fact, two of the three projects in the initial phase failed to achieve local hire goals by a large margin.

The best chance to hire locals is to let all locals bid on a traditional bidding process whereby the successful bid is awarded to the lowest qualified bidder regardless of union contractor/workforce status.

Moreover, administering this workforce agreement has resulted in delays and cost overruns, not to mention an extra \$600,000 in administration expenses (general fund \$\$\$) that are far and above what a regular bid process admin process would cost.

Please admit the goal of this exercise failed and as you wrestle with a huge budget deficit, this project should be among the first on the chopping block, as this amounts to nothing less than crony capitalism.

Sincerely,

Andy Caldwell  
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