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Mayor and Members of the San Jose City Council  
200 E. Santa Clara St.  
San Jose, CA 95113

**RE: Charcot Avenue Extension Project**

Dear Mayor Liccardo and City Councilmembers:

I am writing to you regarding the City of San Jose's Charcot Extension and Overpass project over Interstate 880 near the Orchard School District.

In 2005, as a City of San Jose Councilmember, I opposed the Environmental Impact Report to the North San Jose Deficiency Plan, which includes the Charcot Avenue Extension Project. It was my belief then that the need for more time was necessary to assess and evaluate the impacts the plan would have to nearby schools.

As the City of San Jose considers its decision on the matter, please bear in mind the concerns of the parents and teachers over the safety of students walking to and from school. It is my belief that the Charcot Avenue Extension project should be re-assessed so we can continue to prioritize the safety of the local community.

The City of San Jose has an excellent opportunity to encourage commuters to reduce our vehicle miles traveled (VMT) locally with BART soon coming to Milpitas and Berryessa. I am excited at the opportunity to reduce our greenhouse gas emissions locally. It is my hope that other viable alternatives are considered for this project as we work towards building a more eco-friendly environment for our community here in Santa Clara County.

In summation, I am requesting that you either reconsider the City of San Jose's Charcot Extension and Overpass project over Interstate 880 near Orchard School or support alternative E, the bike and pedestrian overpass option.

Thank you for your leadership and consideration of my request on this matter.

Sincerely,

Dave Cortese