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RE: Item G.4: Freight Rail Right of Way Quiet Zones

Dear Mayor Liccardo and Rules Committee Members:

I am writing to support the memorandum signed by Mayor Liccardo, Councilmembers Peralez, Jimenez, and Davis regarding the change in Union Pacific Rail Road's (UPRR) operating schedule. As the California Assemblymember representing downtown San José, I am concerned about the noise created by the late night trains all of a sudden traveling through residential neighborhoods in my district, and support the City's efforts to work with UPRR and the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) to establish a Quiet Zone for the Warm Springs Subdivision.

Within the last few months, a number of constituents have expressed their frustration with UPRR and their change in train schedule. From loud horns to interrupted sleep, it is imperative that the City of San José, UPRR, and FRA work together to find a solution that respects the needs of the residents living in the Warm Springs Subdivision. The trains traversing through the city in the middle of the night are disruptive, and establishing a Quiet Zone is critical to the wellbeing of our community.

As public servants, we have an obligation in ensuring that the concerns of our residents are not only heard, but also addressed. I am grateful to the City of San José for taking this obligation seriously in order to address the peace and well-being of our mutual constituents. I am confident that the City of San José will work diligently to get UPRR and the FRA on board to collaborate on establishing a Quiet Zone as soon as possible.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ash Kalra".

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