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June 5, 2020

The Honorable Sam Liccardo
Mayor - City of San Jose
200 East Santa Clara Street, 18th Floor
San José, CA 95113

RE: Charcot Extension and Overpass Project over I-880 near Orchard School (Item 5.1)

Dear Mayor Liccardo:

I am writing to express my concerns with the City of San Jose's Charcot Extension and Overpass Project over I-880 near Orchard School (Item 5.1) that will be before the City Council on June 9th, 2020.

The Charcot Extension and Overpass plan was developed in 1994 to reduce traffic congestion, and there was no school on Charcot Ave and Oakland Road at that time. Since Orchard Middle School was built in 2000, current residents and school administration have expressed concerns about the project because it will have major impacts on pedestrian safety, especially for students.

As a former councilmember for District 4, I understand the importance of development that will improve North San José. I always have and will continue to support the planned development of the area. As we move forward, I also believe that it is important to re-evaluate minor pieces of the North San José Area Development Plan in order to see if they still align with our overall goals and the needs of the community. I agree with the Orchard school community that the Charcot Extension and Overpass is a project that should be re-assessed.

I believe that the residents' concerns are justified and I urge you to not approve this project and seek an alternative solution to relieve congestion near Orchard Middle School such as pedestrian or bike overpass.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Please contact my office with any questions at [REDACTED]

Sincerely,

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Assemblymember, 25th District

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