



July 31, 2015

Donald A. Sepulveda
P.E. Executive Officer – Regional Rail
Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority
One Gateway Plaza
Los Angeles, CA 90012-2952

RE: CP Raymer to CP Bernson Railroad Track Project

Dear Mr. Sepulveda:

The Sherwood Forest Homeowners Association (“SFHOA”) Board of Directors is very concerned about statements you have made regarding alleged dealings with the SFHOA. Specifically, at its most recent regularly scheduled meeting on July 22 the Board was shown a written document wherein you wrote as follows:

Metro reached out to the leadership of the Sherwood Forest HOA and asked for an opportunity to meet with their homeowner’s association. We explained the project’s impacts to them but they were not interested in meeting with Metro at that time. They told us to make a presentation to the Northridge South Neighborhood Council which they would attend. At the Northridge South Council Meeting there were 3 people who introduced themselves as representing the Sherwood Forest HOA.

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5/13 – Sherwood Forest HOA declined an invitation to meet with their organization. Several representatives came to the Northridge South NC meeting

To the best of the collective knowledge of the Board, at no time have you formally requested leave to present information to the SFHOA Board or its members regarding the instant project. Accordingly, your written allegations that the SFHOA “declined an invitation” to meet with you is false.

The SFHOA is a 501(c) (4) public benefit corporation organized under and operating in accordance with both state and federal law. Pursuant to its Articles of Incorporation filed with the California Secretary of State and its Bylaws, the official affairs of the Corporation are conducted by – **and only by** – its duly elected and/or appointed Directors.

The Northridge South Neighborhood Council (“NSNC”), on the other hand, is an unincorporated agency of the City of Los Angeles. While it may be true that some Directors of the NSNC also serve in a separate and distinctly different capacity as Directors of the SFHOA, the NSNC does not legally speak for the SFHOA, and the SFHOA does not legally speak for the NSNC.

Accordingly, a casual communication that you or anyone else representing Metro may have had at an NSNC meeting with individuals who may be members or Directors of the SFHOA does not, and cannot, amount to a legal communication with the SFHOA itself, and any allegation to the contrary is misplaced.



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The SFHOA has a long and proud history of due deliberation on issues of import to the members of the community it serves. Concomitant to this is the dedication of the Board to affording all sides to any matter a full and fair opportunity to present competing positions to it, and, where appropriate, to the membership and community at large.

The SFHOA Board takes its legal responsibilities to its community very seriously, and, as said, prides itself on the willingness to hear all sides of every issue before rendering a formal opinion on any matter of import.

If you, or anyone else, would like to address the SFHOA on this matter, please contact me immediately at one of the numbers listed below and appropriate arrangements will be made to accommodate you. In the meantime, we respectfully request that you retract any and all previous statements you have made that you asked for but were denied an opportunity to be heard by the SFHOA.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steve Alutzak", written in a cursive style.

Vice-President, Sherwood Forest Homeowners Association
818-438-7599 or 818-704-9222

Cc: Rick Sulka, President, Sherwood Forest HOA, Chris Sales, President, NSNC, Congressman Brad Sherman, Senator Bob Hertzberg, Assemblyman Matt Dababneh, Mayor Eric Garcetti, Supervisor Sheila Kuehl, Supervisor Hilda L. Solis, Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas, Supervisor Michael Antonovich, Supervisor Don Knabe, Councilman Mitchell Englander, Councilman Paul Krekorian, Rick Sulka, Irene Boyd, Barbara Romey