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To:
The Honorable Toks Omishakin
Secretary, California State Transportation Agency
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**RE: LOSSAN Rail Corridor Working Group (SB 1098) Report — NOTICE OF
OPPOSITION TO CEQA STREAMLINING RECOMMENDATIONS**

Dear Secretary Omishakin:

The California State Transportation Agency (CalSTA)

As a Del Mar resident for 43 years I urge CalSTA to remove the three CEQA streamlining recommendations from the SB 1098 Working Group Report before it is sent to the Legislature, and to ensure that any future rail-streamlining proposal preserves full CEQA review and local agencies' ability to protect their communities.

These proposed CEQA revisions strike at the core of Del Mar's interests, along with the interest of other communities along the LOSSAN rail corridor. The San Diego LOSSAN Rail Realignment Project is among the most consequential projects the Del Mar community has ever faced, and a complete CEQA review is the City's principal safeguard for its coastal bluffs, the San Dieguito Lagoon, public beach access, scenic resources, and community character. If the proposed exemption becomes law, SANDAG could abandon the Environmental Impact Report and exempt the project's core construction components from CEQA entirely, stripping the City of any meaningful avenue to identify or mitigate significant environmental impacts.

Exempting environmental review of an actively eroding coastal bluff is dangerous.

Also, importantly, these recommendations are inconsistent with the Legislative intent

of SB 1098.

Recasting a rail-coordination mandate as a vehicle to dismantle environmental review is overreach. I oppose this. CEQA review must not be weakened or replaced by a lesser process for major rail projects.

I urge CalSTA to use the additional time available under the proposed one-year deadline extension (SB 1324) to conduct the greater public engagement that SB 1098 requires, and to add a recommendation that accelerates studies of long-term corridor solutions, including relocation of the rail line inland, away from the vulnerable bluffs.

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CC:

The Honorable Adam Schiff, United States Senator

The Honorable Mike Levin, U.S. House of Representatives (49th District)

The Honorable Catherine Blakespear, California State Senate (38th District)

The Honorable Tasha Boerner, California State Assembly (77th District)

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