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RE: Public Notice/Application No.: SPL-2022-00218-AJW

Dear Ms. Wagner:

The San Dieguito Planning Group (SDPG) of the County of San Diego has followed the development of the San Dieguito River Valley area along El Camino Real and Via de la Valle, locally known as the Polo Fields. Our Community Planning Group area is immediately adjacent to the river valley bordering on the north side of Via de la Valle, thus many of our residents are greatly impacted by the intensification of use on the fields by Surf Cup Sports (the City of San Diego's tenant) and the resulting traffic due to lack of adequate infrastructure.

The SDPG is in FAVOR of the El Camino Real Bridge/Road Widening Project. This long overdue infrastructure is badly needed to help relieve the frequent traffic bottlenecks that have increased greatly in recent years.

The City's tenant Surf Cup Sports (now d.b.a. Pioneer Sports and Entertainment) purchased the adjacent 24-acre parcel on the north side of the Polo Fields last year, located at 3975 Via de la Valle. They recently applied for a Conditional Use Permit and Site Development Permit to build a mega sports complex on this parcel. This parcel will be bisected at the west end by the realignment of El Camino Real to complete your project. They have fought to move the road further west off their property and to eliminate the much-needed proposed right turn lane. Their application is moving through the City very quickly, and we are greatly concerned that they will begin building and interfere with the timely completion or optimal configuration of the road and bridge widening project. The SDPG is OPPOSED to that project (see our comment letter and their NOA, attached) and hope that the City is keeping you apprised of what is happening on this adjacent parcel.

The community has waited years for the expansion and widening of the El Camino Real road/bridge project to ease the traffic congestion through this area. *This vital infrastructure improvement must be completed before any additional development on this corner is even considered*, and not delayed or impeded in any way by a potential new sports complex because the new road segment crosses the west side of that property.

Sincerely,

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