

Jomsky, Mark

From: Fuller, Margo
Sent: Monday, August 13, 2012 10:44 AM
To: Jomsky, Mark
Subject: FW: We are vehemently opposed to the 710 Freeway Extensions!

*Margo Morales
District 2 Field Representative
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From: John Picone [<mailto:j.picone@yahoo.com>]
Sent: Friday, August 10, 2012 5:40 PM
To: Fuller, Margo
Subject: We are vehemently opposed to the 710 Freeway Extensions!

Dear Margo Morales-Fuller --

My wife and I are vehemently opposed to the proposed 710 freeway extensions, in particular alternatives H-2 and F-5.

You should be aware by now the historic districts this routes would be destroying or demolishing, Garvanza -along the lower portion of Avenue 64 in L.A. and Annandale-San Rafael - along the upper portion of Avenue 64 in Pasadena. In addition, I wonder if you have considered the number of houses in this Avenue 64 corridor as that are registered as historic under the California Mills Act.

One again, we are vehemently opposed to the proposed 710 extensions.

Thank you.

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August 10, 2012

By facsimile and 1st class mail

Hon. William Bogaard, Mayor
Members of the Pasadena City Council
100 N. Garfield Avenue
Room S228
Pasadena, California 91109

Dear Mayor Bogaard and Members of
the Pasadena City Council:

I am writing this letter personally, to urge you to re-visit the City of Pasadena's position on the 710 Freeway extension (Measure A). I urge you to place this issue back on the ballot, since completion of the 710 Freeway is certainly no longer in the City of Pasadena's best interest (if it ever was).

Former Measure A was ill-conceived and ill-considered. Subsequent circumstances have proven this to be true. The City is now locked into a position I believe a majority of its residents no longer favor. A majority of your City Council is against completion of the 710 Freeway - however, its hands are tied by Measure A. This Measure needs to be placed back on the ballot as soon as possible, so that the City Council can do what is best for the City of Pasadena and its residents - oppose completion of the 710 Freeway.

Although Nat Read, construction trade unions, and others will line up in favor of leaving Measure A in place, no matter how you feel on the issue, the current residents of Pasadena are certainly entitled to make their views known. A 10 year old ballot initiative, tying the hands of the City Council, is not in Pasadena's best interest. At the very least, the current residents of the City should be allowed to make their views known.

As you are aware, the City of South Pasadena is opposed to any extension of the 710 until a need for this extension is clearly demonstrated, and it has also been

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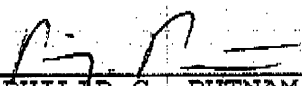
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demonstrated that there will be no significant adverse environmental, financial, traffic, or other impacts to our City or our region. This is an entirely reasonable and rational position, and likewise makes sense for the City of Pasadena.

I urge the City of Pasadena to listen to its residents, and place this issue back in front of its voters.

Best regards,



PHILIP C. PUTNAM
Mayor Pro Tem

PCP/eh

Jomsky, Mark

From: Fuller, Margo
Sent: Monday, August 13, 2012 10:52 AM
To: Jomsky, Mark
Subject: FW: Complete the GAP!

-----Original Message-----

From: Araceli Ruano [<mailto:araceliruano@gmail.com>]
Sent: Thursday, August 09, 2012 3:19 PM
To: Fuller, Margo
Subject: Complete the GAP!

This is to inform you that I support the construction to complete 710 and complete the gap between the 10 and 210 freeways. I am unable to attend the meeting on August 13th.

Thanks,
Araceli Ruano
891 Adelaide Drive
Pasadena, CA 91104

Jomsky, Mark

From: Fuller, Margo
Sent: Monday, August 13, 2012 10:43 AM
To: Jomsky, Mark
Subject: FW: I am OPPOSED to the 710 Extension!

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From: Sonia Romero [<mailto:soniaamaliaromero@sbcglobal.net>]
Sent: Friday, August 10, 2012 12:39 PM
To: Fuller, Margo
Subject: I am OPPOSED to the 710 Extension!

I live in Altadena and work in Highland Park and travel on Avenue 64 every day. I love the neighborhood and feel blessed that I get to drive through it and it would be a travesty to lose it. I am opposed to the 710 extension

Sonia Romero

Jomsky, Mark

From: Fuller, Margo
Sent: Monday, August 13, 2012 10:50 AM
To: Jomsky, Mark
Subject: FW: Complete the 710

-----Original Message-----

From: Peter Saale [<mailto:d2cpasadena865@me.com>]
Sent: Thursday, August 09, 2012 12:18 PM
To: Fuller, Margo
Subject: Complete the 710

"Let your City Council know how YOU stand" - TUNNEL. NO ABOVE GROUND.

What bank did the state of California rob?? Oh right, we the tax payers, how silly of me.

A light rail system that does not go any further East than Pasadena, when you can stand on an overpass during the morning West direction rush hour and shake your head. A high speed rail system that will never be finished if it ever gets started. Now an environmental impact study that is not free.

Peter Saale

Jomsky, Mark

From: Fuller, Margo
Sent: Monday, August 13, 2012 11:08 AM
To: Jomsky, Mark
Subject: FW: 710 freeway gap closure

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From: Ludina delbruck Sallam [<mailto:ludinads@yahoo.com>]
Sent: Friday, August 10, 2012 9:09 AM
To: Fuller, Margo
Subject: 710 freeway gap closure

Dear City of Pasadena Council,
As a resident of Pasadena, I hope we will not close the 710 freeway gap. I feel that if we build more freeways, we will just encourage more driving. We have survived without it so far, and I feel we should put that money toward public transportaion instead.

Sincerely,
Ludina Sallam
1015 N. Hill Avenue
Pasadena, CA 91104
626-296-6545

Jomsky, Mark

From: Fuller, Margo
Sent: Monday, August 13, 2012 11:13 AM
To: 'Joan Briggs-Sanchez'
Cc: McAustin, Margaret; Jomsky, Mark
Subject: RE: 710 freeway extension

Thank you

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From: Joan Briggs-Sanchez [<mailto: jybs@att.net>]
Sent: Monday, August 13, 2012 10:18 AM
To: Fuller, Margo
Subject: RE: 710 freeway extension

Thank you for the updated information. I did spend sometime looking over this information and I'm NOT in favor of extending the 710 freeway project if it affects people losing their homes and businesses. Thank you.

Mrs. J. Sanchez

--- On **Mon, 8/13/12, Fuller, Margo** <[mfuller@cityofpasadena.net](mailto: mfuller@cityofpasadena.net)> wrote:

From: Fuller, Margo <[mfuller@cityofpasadena.net](mailto: mfuller@cityofpasadena.net)>
Subject: RE: 710 freeway extension
To: "'Joan Briggs-Sanchez'" <[jybs@att.net](mailto: jybs@att.net)>
Cc: "McAustin, Margaret" <[mmcaustin@cityofpasadena.net](mailto: mmcaustin@cityofpasadena.net)>
Date: Monday, August 13, 2012, 9:25 AM

Please try again. I think they made it easier by adding a button that says "Alternative Concepts". When we sent the letter the information was buried in the past meeting files.

I just tried it and it worked but know that you'll have to scroll down a bit to see the maps

Margo Morales

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From: Joan Briggs-Sanchez [<mailto: jybs@att.net>]
Sent: Friday, August 10, 2012 5:28 PM

To: Fuller, Margo
Subject: 710 freeway extension

I received a letter today on the problems of the 710 freeway extension and in the letter it tells you to go to <http://www.metro.net/projects/sr-710-conversations/sr710-past-meetings/> but that website shows it is under construction. I would like to see the alternatives proposed IF the current homeowners want the 710 freeway extension built. I have lived here all my life and know that this freeway extension has been a problem for many, many years and no one wants to lose their homes to build that freeway.

Can you send me the info on the alternative routes that are being proposed? Thank you.

Mrs. J. Sanchez

Jomsky, Mark

From: Fuller, Margo
Sent: Monday, August 13, 2012 10:57 AM
To: Jomsky, Mark
Subject: FW: Regarding Measure A

From: Petar Sardelich LMFT/PT/MAC [<mailto:corwin137@charter.net>]
Sent: Sunday, August 12, 2012 5:45 PM
To: Fuller, Margo
Cc: Yvonne Lee
Subject: Regarding Measure A

Hello Ms. Fuller- I am a constituent and Pasadena small business owner, responding to the mailer I received about the above Measure. Am cc'ing my partner, Yvonne Lee, who is also a constituent.

In it, we were asked to either go to the City Council meeting tomorrow, or respond via email to the information on this link:

http://www.metro.net/projects_studies/route_710/images/sr710_open_house_alt_concepts.pdf

While I understand the need for reducing congestion and making it easier to travel in/out of Pasadena, I think the reason this has been such a contentious issue and unresolved for so long is because we're addressing the wrong problem. The problem in my view is not access, but overpopulation in Pasadena. This has been allowed in part by the allowance of additional condominium and "apartment home" style housing all over Pasadena. I realize this is not a problem that can be solved, the horse being out of the barn so to speak, but think that providing more resources to an already congested area is a poor solution. I reviewed the alternatives carefully, and have come to a sense that they are all alternatives to the same basic idea. I would vote against any of these measures, were I to have my druthers, and stop the increased building in Pasadena, to begin with.

Thanks in advance for reviewing my almost late note. Hope you had a good weekend.

Sincerely,

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From: Fuller, Margo
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-----Original Message-----

From: Leslie Sloan [<mailto:leslie@taocreativela.com>]
Sent: Friday, August 10, 2012 2:57 PM
To: Fuller, Margo
Subject: I am OPPOSED to the 710 Extension!

Hello,

I am a nine year resident of Highland Park. My mother, Patricia Vied, lives on Ave 64 and Melrose Ave in Pasadena. (91105)

I am strongly opposed to the 710 Extension that is proposed on Ave 64...or anywhere for that matter.

I am not responding to this with a "not in my backyard" agenda - I am responding with a "not in anybody's back yard" agenda.

I hope that you take my opinion into consideration.

Leslie Sloan
1436 N Ave 47
LA, CA 90042

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From: Fuller, Margo
Sent: Monday, August 13, 2012 11:20 AM
To: Jomsky, Mark
Subject: FW: Resident in the path of the proposed SR 710 Completion : VEHEMENTLY OPPOSED

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From: DeanJordiS@aol.com [mailto:DeanJordiS@aol.com]
Sent: Friday, August 10, 2012 7:16 AM
To: Fuller, Margo
Subject: Resident in the path of the proposed SR 710 Completion : VEHEMENTLY OPPOSED

*It is vital that our City Council do everything in its power to influence the MTA
NOT TO CONSIDER the H-2 and F-5 proposals.*

This is an historic community. I have a home of architectural note that is directly in line for destruction under either of these plans. I have gone on record and my husband and I have attended meetings so you know where we stand.

However, I want to remind those in a position of influence here in Pasadena that even to allow these proposals to be in the final 5 considered by the MTA would be to ruin the lives of countless constituents. We would not be able to refinance or sell our properties and the properties themselves would be worthless during any review period---whether or not the properties would ultimately be destroyed by eminent domain would only be the fait accompli after de facto destruction by holding our properties hostage while plans are under review

PLEASE do NOT LET THIS HAPPEN!

There should be no consideration of SR 710 completion on or near the San Rafael /Avenue 64 area.

Cordially

*Jordan (Mrs Dean) Stringfellow
65 South San Rafael Avenue
Pasadena, CA 91105*

Jomsky, Mark

From: Fuller, Margo
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To: Jomsky, Mark
Subject: FW: 710 Freeway Gap

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From: Lawrence Strohm [<mailto:lawrencestrohm@hotmail.com>]
Sent: Friday, August 10, 2012 5:12 PM
To: Fuller, Margo
Subject: 710 Freeway Gap

To Whom it May Concern:

My wife and I have been living in Pasadena since 2002 and we recently purchased our first house in the Historic Highlands district of Pasadena. My line of work has me driving all around Los Angeles County and the completion of the 710 freeway would really help my commute time. This should have been taken care of a long time ago! Please do whatever it takes to get this done.

Yours,

Lawrence Strohm
1045 E. Rio Grande St.
Pasadena, CA 91104

DATE: August 12, 2012

FROM: Polly Wheaton, President
Pasadena Beautiful Foundation

SUBJECT: **Concerns Regarding the SR-710 Study and Proposed Alternatives**

Pasadena Beautiful Foundation opposes any consideration of the SR-710 Alternatives routed through the San Rafael neighborhood. These plans would destroy many of our historical homes, businesses, parks, mature trees and open spaces.

Since 1960 PBF has been dedicated to protecting all of Pasadena's rich history and beauty. This objective would destroy a major part of our City. Forty years ago, plans for the SR-710 freeway ruined one section of our town between Pasadena Avenue and South St. John Avenue, plus the historic Neighborhood Church.

Please. We ask you to immediately remove Alternatives F5 and H2 from your list of potential routes for the SR-710 extension project.

Jomsky, Mark

From: Fuller, Margo
Sent: Monday, August 13, 2012 11:19 AM
To: Jomsky, Mark
Subject: FW: I am OPPOSED to the 710 Extension!

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-----Original Message-----

From: Kim Wolfe - mailing services [<mailto:kawolfe@earthlink.net>]
Sent: Friday, August 10, 2012 9:08 AM
To: Fuller, Margo
Subject: I am OPPOSED to the 710 Extension!

To whom it may concern:

I vehemently oppose any build on the 710 extension in ANY city. That includes surface and subsurface.

I live in the Garvanza area of Highland Park right on the border of Pasadena. It is a disgrace that these beautiful neighborhoods are even being consider to be destroyed. I hope the City Council of Pasadena backs up it's residents in this crucial matter, for it not only effects Pasadena residents, it trickles into other Neighborhoods right along those Routes Metro proposes. (Highland Park, South Pasadena, El Sereno, Alhabra, etc.)

Thank you,
Kim Wolfe

Jomsky, Mark

From: Barbara Wright [mailto:kite736@me.com]

Sent: Monday, August 13, 2012 12:11 PM

To: Jomsky, Mark

Subject: 710 Freeway

Mr. Masada:

I am opposed to all the Pasadena 710 Freeway explosions into Pasadena. I have lived in this city for the majority of my 77 years.

How can such a decision even be considered? It will impact the entire city negatively. Why would we want to remain here with the pollution, noise, and infiltration that freeways and interchanges will bring to our home neighborhood...

We have put our trust in Pasadena through purchasing property here, and remaining here for many years. We believe our investment will be protected for homes, not freeways.

The San Rafael area is one of the most beautiful in the city. How can you allow it be destroyed?

I request you vote no an all the freeway proposals.

Barbara Wright

Jomsky, Mark

From: Jennifer Gomes <jenn.p.gomes@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, August 13, 2012 12:59 PM
To: Jomsky, Mark
Subject: Fwd: Urgent Request to Pasadena City Council re. 710 Route Proposals

Dear Mark:

Please see my comments in the email below for inclusion in tonight's Pasadena City Council meeting, so that the Council members may consider such as they deliberate their position on the alternate 710 routes.

If you have any questions, please let me know. Thank you.

Best regards,

Jennifer Gomes
818-519-2331
jenn.p.gomes@gmail.com

----- Forwarded message -----

From: Jennifer Gomes <jenn.p.gomes@gmail.com>
Date: Sat, Aug 11, 2012 at 2:36 PM
Subject: Urgent Request to Pasadena City Council re. 710 Route Proposals
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Cc: Sylvia Plummer <sylviaplummer@gmail.com>, Sylvia V Plummer <sylviaplummer@sbcglobal.net>, Jim Gomes <jim.gomes@me.com>

Dear Pasadena City Council:

My husband and I recently purchased a home in the San Rafael neighborhood. Our offer was agreed just prior to the announcement of the alternate route plans for the 710 freeway expansion. Needless to say we are immensely distraught upon learning that at least two proposed routes would pass through our neighborhood (Ave 64/Colorado/134). As we've quickly come up to speed on the 710 proposal, here is my understanding of some key facts:

1) In March 2001, Pasadena voters approved Measure A, which forbade the Pasadena City Council from opposing the completion of the 710 Freeway between the ***I-210 Freeway and the I-10 Freeway***. The boldface italicized text is an important distinction as it refers to a gap closure intended to run through Pasadena Avenue—which had been in plans for more than 60 years—and was *the context* in which Pasadena voters passed Measure A at that time.

2) Fast forward to July 19, 2012 (more than ten years later), at which time the Pasadena City Attorney advised City Councilmembers & Mayor Bogaard that—due to the 2001 passage of Measure A and constraints imposed by resulting City Ordinance #6851—the Pasadena City Council cannot oppose *any* of the 710 extension plans currently under consideration by Caltrans and Metro (i.e., insinuating this includes the connections not only to 210, but also to 134). This is an incredible leap in interpretation from not only how Measure A was worded, but also the context of the time in which the voters passed Measure A—no other route options for 710 gap closure were under consideration.

3) Residents of the San Rafael, Ave 64 area were first notified of MetroTransit's new option, which included Avenue 64, on May 30, 2012, and expected to return comment a mere three months later—in the summertime when many families and residents are taking vacations.

4) A Health Impact Assessment has not been completed for the new route scenarios.

First, we urge you, Pasadena City Council, to oppose the new route scenarios proposed for 710 justifying the ability to do so by considering the specific wording and context in which Measure A was passed.

Second, we ask that you reinforce our neighborhood's stance against Metro pointing out the ridiculous way in which they "announced" this to the community, the timing deadlines for comments, and local meetings that have failed to provide residents with answers to their questions.

And finally, for whichever route proposals continue, we urge you to demand that a Health Impact Assessment be completed—again, for ANY of the proposed routes running through Pasadena. As an asthmatic, this is personally near and dear to my heart.

My husband and I are fairly new residents of California, and the reason we chose Pasadena over other communities was in part due to the proximity to major job hubs (Burbank, Glendale, and downtown LA), but *predominantly* because it was a veritable oasis amidst a vast desert of concrete, littered and crumbling roadways, screaming noise of freeway traffic, and overcrowding. Pasadena is a lush landscape and center of calm in a deteriorating megalopolis. Clearly the freeway network that has already been created across the metroplex cannot be maintained as it is. And Metro wants to add more? I read somewhere or overheard that a toll may be considered? Why not put a toll on the other roads already in existence and improve them? The surface of the I-5 is abominable as are most other freeways in this city. California is the 11th largest economy in the world, yet somehow a state like Missouri manages to maintain infinitely better roads in extreme weather conditions.

Every day we awake, gaze out a window or drive down La Loma, and find ourselves awe-struck by the lush display of vegetation. Beautiful trees, plants, shrubs—indeed, it seems not one plant is without a bloom. Even parrots are able to maintain a habitat here. How many mature Magnolia trees would be killed if a freeway is built on Avenue 64. Not to mention the pollution and screaming noise of semi-trucks that would overtake a quiet, peaceful, beautiful community.

By swaddling yourselves in the blanket that is “Measure A,” Pasadena City Council, my interpretation is that you are essentially saying, “We do not care to pay attention to details of verbiage or think logically about the then-present-day interpretation made by voters more than 10 years ago. Instead, we cave to pressure from special interest groups who do not, and likely never will, reside in our community. We agree to destroying a unique jewel that is San Rafael.”

I truly hope this will not be the case.

Regards,

Jennifer Gomes

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Jomsky, Mark

From: Fuller, Margo
Sent: Monday, August 13, 2012 1:56 PM
To: 'Shanna Galloway'
Cc: McAustin, Margaret; Jomsky, Mark
Subject: RE: Don't extend the 710 up Ave.64

Thank you

Margo Morales
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From: Shanna Galloway [<mailto:shannagalloway@yahoo.com>]
Sent: Monday, August 13, 2012 1:56 PM
To: Fuller, Margo
Subject: Don't extend the 710 up Ave.64

To the Pasadena City Council
Re: the Special Item on the agenda - the 710 extension

I am writing to voice my extreme opposition to the extension of the 710 up Ave.64

DO NOT DESTROY THE BEAUTIFUL, VITAL AND HISTORIC AREA LOCATED
HERE. JUST DON'T DO IT.

Have you considered The Church Of The Angels, which is a medieval style church
built by artisans from Europe?

Have you considered The Judson Stained Glass Studios, which has provided and
continues to provide unequaled stained glass windows for numerous important
commissions for over a lifetime?

Have you considered the historic beauty that exists there in the most beautiful
area in town, both in the above mentioned church and stained glass production,
but also the grand homes that line this loveliest of thoroughfares?
Just DON'T destroy what is irreplaceable.

Don't extend the 710 up Ave.64.

Shanna Galloway
5924 La Prada Terrace
Los Angeles, CA 90042
323.255.0214

Jomsky, Mark

From: Fuller, Margo
Sent: Monday, August 13, 2012 1:54 PM
To: 'Ingundel@aol.com'
Cc: McAustin, Margaret; Jomsky, Mark
Subject: RE: Special Item

Thank you

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From: Ingundel@aol.com [<mailto:Ingundel@aol.com>]
Sent: Monday, August 13, 2012 12:42 PM
To: Fuller, Margo
Subject: Special Item

I oppose the extension of the 710 through Avenue 64, San Rafael, and Pasadena. I live in Sout Pasadena and lived in Garvanza for eleven years. I now live in South Pasadena. Vote NO on the 710. Using rail lines and the Alameda Corridor would be a better choice. Thank you, Ingrid G. Watson



SEQUOYAH
SCHOOL

A community of learners

Mark Jomsky
Office of the City Clerk, Pasadena
100 N Garfield Avenue, Room S228
Pasadena, CA 91005

Dear Mr. Jomsky:

August 11, 2012

On behalf of the Sequoyah School community, this letter is written as a response to the 12 alternatives proposed in the **SR 710 Study Alternative Concepts Overview: Initial Alternative Concepts** prepared by Metro. Given the conceptual and summary nature of materials presented by Caltrans and Metro to date, our response should be understood to be provisional until more detailed technical analysis is forthcoming in October.

After reviewing the range of alternatives presented, Sequoyah favors those scenarios described in the **No Build and Bus Rapid Transit and Light Rail Transit (5.5) alternatives. Sequoyah opposes any alternative that would rend the fabric of vital, established and historic neighborhoods.** Sequoyah favors further study of alternatives which are particularly strong in minimizing environmental impacts while providing transportation connectivity. Sequoyah notes that Metro's own **Alternative Concepts Overview** describes bus rapid transit routes and light rail scenarios as serving both those purposes.

Sequoyah School is located at 535 S. Pasadena Avenue. Sequoyah, along with other schools, churches, convalescent homes and medical centers, is one of many institutions situated in or adjacent to proposed alternatives that provide valuable and essential services to the citizens of Pasadena and surrounding regions.

Sequoyah's campus is located on the corner of Pasadena Avenue and California Boulevard in southwest Pasadena. The school has leased the property from Caltrans since 1972. The architecturally significant property, noted for its Craftsman and mid-century-modern buildings, was originally part of the Neighborhood Church, which first leased space to Sequoyah in 1958. In anticipation of the construction of the 710 freeway the original church was razed in 1974, leaving the parsonage, children's chapel and religious education buildings. Sequoyah's 2.35-acre campus incorporates these remaining buildings.

Immediately north of the complex is an unfinished portion of the Route 710 Freeway that connects to the Route 134 and the Route 210 freeways. Immediately to the south and west is the Markham Place Historic District, a collection of early 20th-century homes.

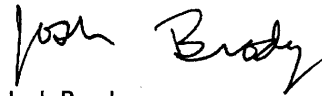
The Sequoyah campus complex consists of four buildings, a Craftsman former parsonage (1910), the mid-century modern Nursery School (1948), Children's Chapel (now known as the Library, 1954), Religious Education Building (known as the Milliken Building, 1956). Garrett Eckbo, an influential modernist

landscape architect who later became Dean of the Architecture school at UC Berkeley, designed the landscape scheme. Renowned architectural photographer Julius Shulman photographed the buildings and landscape. His photographs are archived at the Getty Center.

The State Historic Properties Office has designated the Nursery School Building, Children's Chapel and Religious Education Building as individually eligible for inclusion in the National Register. The former Parsonage remains a contributor to the Markham Place Historic District. Boundaries for the Markham Place Historic District have been expanded to include 535 S. Pasadena Ave.

The Sequoyah community advocates for transportation alternatives that result in the release of properties along the designated SR -710 route. Releasing the properties for sale would result in increasing private ownership, responsible preservation of historic properties, and revitalization of neglected housing stock, sidewalks and streets. Sequoyah will continue to follow developments in the State Route 710 Study.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Josh Brody". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Josh Brody

Director, Sequoyah School

cc: Steve Madison, Pasadena City Council

Jomsky, Mark

From: Vasquez, Martha <mvasqu01@lausd.net>
Sent: Monday, August 13, 2012 2:20 PM
To: Jomsky, Mark
Subject: Please consider my comments in Aug 13, 2012 mtg, as I may not be able to attend. Thank you

Dear Pasadena City Council Members and METRO/CalTrans,

I am writing today as a resident of San Rafael area to express my strong opposition to the 710 extension project. I have lived here for 14 years and moved here because I have the opportunity to engage in recreational activities. I belong to the California Triathlon Group and Pasadena/Highland Park is where we run, bike and swim. The 710 Expansion will destroy the quality of air we breathe as thousands of trucks will transport their goods via a historic and beautiful community. The quality of air will only bring allergies and activate asthma in many of the athletes and families that use the Rose Bowl, Pasadena Aquatic Center, Highland Park pools as a recreational outlet.

Please take my concerns into consideration before passing on this measure that will devastate many families and athletic organizations.

Thank You,

Marta Vasquez

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Jomsky, Mark

From: De La Cuba, Vannia
Sent: Monday, August 13, 2012 2:37 PM
To: Karen Greenwood Henke
Cc: Gordo, Victor; Jomsky, Mark
Subject: RE: Save Pasadena

Ms. Henke,

Thank you for sending us your comments. Our office has received many emails regarding the proposed Metro/CalTrans Route 710 options. Councilmember Gordo is opposed to the routes currently proposed by Metro. These options would have significant negative impacts to many of our Pasadena neighborhoods and are unacceptable.

I have copied Mr. Mark Jomsky, our City Clerk, so that he may include your comments as part of the public record for tonight's Council discussion.

Kindly,

Vannia

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From: Karen Greenwood Henke [henke@nimble-press.com]
Sent: Monday, August 13, 2012 11:56 AM
To: De La Cuba, Vannia
Subject: Save Pasadena

Dear Vannie and Councilmember Gordo:

Please accept my apology. I cannot attend tonight's city council meeting because I have a young child and my husband works on the West Side and cannot be home in time for me to attend. I am writing to express my deepest concern and regret that you have not vehemently opposed 710 extensions that threaten our neighborhood and community. We are residents of San Rafael Hills, Pasadena, and the proposed routes would destroy our historic, family-oriented neighborhood, eliminate our park, our church and cut us off from Pasadena, a gem in the LA basin.

I lived in San Francisco from 1989-2007 and watched the east side of the city replace the central city financial corridor with innovative companies that have become some of the most influential in the world. This growth occurred after the elevated freeway was demolished and the community was transformed with light rail into a pedestrian, family-friendly corridor with live/work development.

I own a successful consulting business and my husband is a Visual Effects Supervisor. We contribute to the intellectual and creative capital of the region and to the community. We earn competitive salaries and contribute to the community through the payroll, property, and sales taxes we pay. We choose to live, work, and grow a family in Pasadena, in LA County, but we could go to many different communities around the world to do our jobs.

Eliminating family-oriented neighborhoods like Mount Washington, Garvanza, Highland Park, South Pasadena and San Rafael Hills in livable cities will drive families like ours from the LA Basin. The LA Basin needs to retain value-add services and creative industries to compete in the global economy. We cannot be just a thorough fare for goods. That will not lead to sustainable economic

development. If you want to destroy the city you have been elected to protect, then support this extension. If you want your legacy to be that you saved the city, oppose it anyway you can.

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Jomsky, Mark

From: Fuller, Margo
Sent: Monday, August 13, 2012 3:30 PM
To: 'Joshua Moser'
Cc: McAustin, Margaret; Jomsky, Mark
Subject: RE: 710 fwy

Thank you Mr. Moser

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From: Joshua Moser [<mailto:jmoser14@gmail.com>]
Sent: Monday, August 13, 2012 3:29 PM
To: Fuller, Margo
Subject: 710 fwy

To who it may concern,

I think it is absolutely a no-brainer to complete this freeway above or below ground. I think below will be less impactful based on my slight knowledge of the options, but the north/south traffic is so bad that we need another alternative to the 5 and the 110 downtown. And unless the metro rail system is going to be dramatically expanded in the very near future our only option is through freeway construction.

I live at 1250 n mentor #10 and am an active voter. I appreciate the request for our input.

Thanks,

Josh Moser

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