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Cc: Madison, Steve; Suzuki, Takako
Subject: Mayor Tornek To Recommend Special Election to Repeal Pro710 Freeway

To: Pasadena Mayor Tornek and Pasadena City Council Members,

I am writing regarding Mayor Tornek's recommendation regarding a special election regarding the 710 Freeway.

I am puzzled and confused by this proposal as I attended the April, 2013 Council meeting at the convention center and have been involved in the NO710 Coalition for several years. I do not understand why Mayor Tornek is trying to push this through now since a deciding vote was already made before his mayoral election.

At that council meeting members discussed Measure A. A council majority agreed that because the current proposal for a 710 toll tunnel did not coincide with the planned 2001 freeway in Measure A, among other differences, such as adding 10,000 trucks each day. The majority of the council voted against the 710 Extension.

Mayor Tornek voted For the 710 Tunnel as I recall.

Did the Majority Vote have no purpose?

Does the Majority Vote not count when someone else becomes mayor?

Mayor, how do you know we will be "ambushed"? What do you know and from whom? Can we have that information too please? At the aforementioned meeting, the majority of the City Council members did not agree with you that Measure A "restricts" our ability to oppose the 710 Extension.

Why is that not good now?

Why did other City Council Members disagree that your way is the "only" way?

City Attorney Baggers states that no monies may be raised or spent by our city unless Measure A is repealed. Do I remember correctly that other attorneys disagreed with her conclusion? What other attorneys have been asked for an opinion on this most important subject? What are their opinions?

If Mayor Tornek has not polled the Council Members, how does he know that "The Council is unanimous in it's opposition to the 710 Tunnel"?

The meeting at the convention center did NOT have unanimous opposition to the Tunnel. What changed?

In facet, some of our current City Council Members were not on our Council and did not vote at all. So in fact, unless they have been "polled", we do Not know their position nor vote on this matter.

Pasadena is NOT, I repeat, is NOT "sort of participating" in the process to stop the 710.

There are numerous meetings, working sessions, and coalitions with many, many other cities and groups, also attendance at Metro Board meetings, and countless other activities and events over these many years.

All of you are welcome to attend theml as many NO710 Citizen Activists do .

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How much will the Special Election cost the residents of Pasadena?
Who will reach out to Pasadena residents to explain the horrors of the 710?
How will that be done?
Who will pay for that?
How much will that part cost?
Will you make those facts a part of your "Repeal" announcement?
How have the new council members been brought up to date on the tunnel fight?

And, WHAT IF THE " REPEAL PRO 710 FREEWAY" DOES NOT PASS???

Answer: years and years of a hard fought battle by numerous Citizen Groups of Pasadena and many other cities and communities will be for naught.

We are so close to our goal of killing the 710 extension forever, why throw a monkey wrench into the works when there is no need?

There are too many unanswered questions to move this forward.

Hopefully, this vote will NOT pass and we residents/citizens will all get back to work fighting the 710 tunnel.

I ask Mayor Tornek to withdraw his motion and that all of our City Council oppose it.
The timing is the worst. Activists are more than busy. There is no time nor energy to get this passed, unless you pay a big corporation to do it for us.

Stop and think this over. Reconsider. Please.

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