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To: CEQA Guidelines@CNRA
Subject: Comments: SB 743

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Dear Mr. Calfee,

Thank you for this opportunity to comment on this important matter.

As a neighborhood leader in my community, I am concerned about maintaining the quality of life within our residential communities. Traffic is a major concern, in and around our neighborhood. I serve as a neighborhood leader and there are 66 additional organized Neighborhood Associations within our city.

We have concerns that a large developer can take advantage of the limitations of these new guidelines and will be able to get easier approvals for massive projects that may put substantial new traffic (and congestion) into our neighborhoods and streets. Since the intersections are proposed to not be as closely analyzed and fixed (mitigated) as required today, we are concerned that our families and children may be adversely impacted.

- For example, if changed from Level of Service (LOS) looking at specific intersection impacts, and instead looking only at a broader VMT (Vehicle Miles Traveled) number, it seems that many considerations could be lost in the detail of a broader analysis.
- We have consistently worked so hard to keep parking intrusion and nuisance traffic away from our homes, kids, and community.

We are very concerned that we have not been invited into this process to ensure that our interests are protected. Since we are not transportation or planning professionals, we are not necessarily a part of this process. I understand that this Bill was promoted to build an Arena up in Northern California and "create jobs." But if CEQA is changed (the way it appears it will be) communities and neighborhoods will be disregarded.

We would like to request that the deadline to comment be extended and an OVERT outreach to neighborhood leaders throughout the state of California be pursued before any new guidelines are approved to go forward.

Respectfully,
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