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# California State Senate

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Tuesday, March 12, 2024

Chair Carl Guardino  
 Attn: Tanisha Taylor  
 California Transportation Commission  
 1120 N Street, Mail Station 52  
 Sacramento, CA 95814

**SUBJECT: Tab 84 – Approval of Project for Future Consideration of Funding: Tulare Six-Lane and Paige Ave Interchange**

Dear Mr. Guardino,

As the Senator who represents California State Senate District 16, which includes the City of Tulare, I write today urging approval of the Tulare Six-Lane and Paige Ave Interchange project for future consideration of funding. This is not a traditional interchange – this project encompasses much more than a freeway overpass. Specifically, in this case the overall project would elevate Highway 99 over Paige Avenue, which reduces costs by \$30 million and greatly benefits pedestrian and bike traffic east and west. The Paige Interchange will help close the existing narrow gaps along Highway 99 and help create a seamless three lane corridor.

In doing so, this and other projects will address significant safety issues, increase the efficiency and effectiveness of the movement of goods throughout the state, including vital agricultural products, reduce negative air quality and other environmental impacts, and increase multimodal travel including supporting intercity rail, transit, and bicycle and pedestrian mobility.

I represent the counties of Fresno, Tulare, Kern and Kings in California’s Central Valley. Much of the populace I serve lives far below the federal poverty level. The innovative plan to raise Highway

99 over Paige Avenue will greatly benefit the mobility of the residents in the nearby disadvantaged community of Matheny Tract in a much safer manner.

Moreover, the San Joaquin Valley is working with the California Department of Transportation to develop a new multimodal corridor plan which will enhance and add to the already significant work being done to create sustainable communities, build affordable housing, and increase multimodal opportunities. A completed SR 99 is a vital part of the global strategy for the region.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to my Chief of Staff, Aaron Brieno at (916) 651-4016 or [Aaron.Brieno@sen.ca.gov](mailto:Aaron.Brieno@sen.ca.gov) . Thank you again for your time and consideration of this important matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Melissa Hurtado". The signature is fluid and cursive.

MELISSA HURTADO  
Senator, 16<sup>th</sup> District

CC: *Executive Director Tanisha Taylor*  
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*Commissioner Leeann Eager*  
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[Douglas.Remedios@catc.ca.gov](mailto:Douglas.Remedios@catc.ca.gov)

*Ted Smalley, Executive Director*  
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High School District

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For these reasons, the Tulare Joint Union High School District supports the approval of the Tulare Six-Lane and Paige Ave Interchange project for future consideration of funding.

Sincerely,

Lucy Van Scyoc, Ed.D.  
Superintendent



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For these reasons, Richard and Kelsey Jones supports the approval of the Tulare Six-Lane and Paige Ave Interchange project for future consideration of funding.

Sincerely,

Kelsey & Richard Jones  
Citizens

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For these reasons, My IT Force Corporation supports the approval of the Tulare Six-Lane and Paige Ave Interchange project for future consideration of funding.

Sincerely,

*Jeremy Menefee*

CEO | Principal Consultant

My IT Force Corporation

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For these reasons, Tule Branch Farms supports the approval of the Tulare Six-Lane and Paige Ave Interchange project for future consideration of funding and moving this much needed transportation safety project forward.

Sincerely,



Raymond Van Beek  
Owner  
Tule Branch Farms



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The Tulare Chamber of Commerce, which represents 640 members with more than 14,000 employees, is providing this letter to express support for the approval of the Tulare Six-Lane and Paige Ave Interchange project for future consideration of funding. We support the proposed investments in projects on State Route 99 (SR 99) which will help close the existing gaps and create a seamless corridor to three lanes throughout. In doing so, this and other projects will address significant safety issues, increase the efficiency and effectiveness of the movement of goods throughout the state, including vital agricultural products, reduce negative air quality and other environmental impacts, and increase multimodal travel including supporting intercity rail, transit, and bicycle and pedestrian mobility.

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For these reasons, the Tulare Chamber supports the approval of the Tulare Six-Lane and Paige Ave Interchange project for future consideration of funding so the CTC can improve the safety of this high traffic roadway for commerce, residents, visitors, and commuters.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Donnette Silva Carter".

Donnette Silva Carter, CEO

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For these reasons, I and my family support the approval of the Tulare Six-Lane and Paige Ave Interchange project for future consideration of funding.

Sincerely,



Dennis and Renee Soto  
1917 Harvard Avenue  
Tulare, CA 93274  
559-331-2017





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*Compassionate  
Quality  
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**Administration**  
1201 N Cherry Street  
Tulare, CA 93274

**Information Technology**  
1249 N Cherry Street  
Tulare, CA 93274

**Main Clinic**  
1101 N Cherry Street  
Tulare, CA 93274

**Multi Services**  
1203 N Cherry Street  
Tulare, CA 93274

**Pediatrics**  
1186 E Leland  
Tulare, CA 93274

**South Tulare**  
3035 E Bardsley Avenue  
Tulare, CA 93274

**West Tulare**  
1500 W Tulare Drive  
Tulare, CA 93274

**Woodville**  
16686 Road 168  
Woodville, CA 93257

Altura Centers for Health (ALTURA) is providing this letter to express support for the approval of the Tulare Six-Lane and Paige Ave Interchange project for future consideration of funding. ALTURA is a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) serving Tulare County and surrounding areas. In Calendar Year (CY) 2023 the clinic treated over 168,230 billable visits.

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For these reasons, ALTURA supports the approval of the Tulare Six-Lane and Paige Ave Interchange project for future consideration of funding.

Sincerely,

Graciela Soto Perez, MHA  
Chief Executive Officer

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Web page:  
<http://www.altura.org>



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For these reasons, the **South Valley Industrial Collaborative** supports the approval of the Tulare Six-Lane and Paige Ave Interchange project for future consideration of funding.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rodney Wilson", is written over the word "Sincerely,".

Rodney Wilson  
Electric Motor Shop – Distribution Manager  
Chairman of the Board of Directors  
South Valley Industrial Collaborative



# TULARE POLICE DEPARTMENT

*The police and the community; working together for a safer Tulare*

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For these reasons, the <insert organization> supports the approval of the Tulare Six-Lane and Paige Ave Interchange project for future consideration of funding.

Sincerely,

Fred Yndlan  
Chief of Police

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For these reasons, I support the approval of the Tulare Six-Lane and Paige Ave Interchange project for future consideration of funding.

Sincerely,

Karen Bravo  
Chamber Board Member