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Mr. Dan Richard, Chair  
California High-Speed Rail Authority  
770 L Street, Suite 800  
Sacramento, CA 95814

January 19, 2015

Re: Alternatives for High-Speed Rail Project

Dear Sirs:

The Federation of Hillside and Canyon Associations, Inc., founded in 1952, represents 44 resident and homeowner associations spanning the Santa Monica Mountains and hillside communities in the northeastern area of Los Angeles. The mission of the Hillside Federation is to protect the property and quality of life in the hillside areas of Los Angeles and to promote policies which best preserve the natural topography and wildlife of the mountains for the benefit of all the people of Los Angeles.

At our meeting on January 7, the Federation voted unanimously to support the local communities of Shadow Hills, La Tuna Canyon, Sun Valley, Lake View Terrace, and Kagel Canyon as well as Representative Adam Schiff in requesting that you remove the three East Corridor alternatives that run through the Angeles National Forest from consideration as alternative routes for the High-Speed Rail project.

The route selection process should consider the originally proposed routes that run along SR 14 corridor which is already disturbed land. The East Corridor routes were added at the last minute with no community input. The Angeles National Forest provides key links for wildlife and recreation for Los Angeles County residents. President Obama recently declared the area the San Gabriel Mountains National Monument to provide it with further protection. This area is also part of the proposed Rim of the Valley expanded national recreation area. The East Corridor alternatives would cause greater unavoidable environmental impacts and be far more expensive than the State Route 14 routes.

The Federation urges you to remove all three East Corridor alternative routes through the Angeles National Forest from consideration for high-speed rail routes.

Sincerely,

*Marian Dodge*  
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cc: Representative Adam Schiff  
State Senator Carol Liu  
Assemblymember Patty Lopez  
LA County Supervisor Sheila Kuehl  
LA Mayor Eric Garcetti  
LA City Councilmember Felipe Fuentes

Beachwood Canyon Neighborhood  
Bel Air Knolls Property Owners  
Bel Air Skycrest Property Owners  
Bel Air Ridge Association  
Benedict Canyon Association  
Brentwood Hills Homeowners  
Brentwood Residents Coalition  
Cahuenga Pass Property Owners  
Canyon Back Alliance  
CASM-SFV  
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Franklin Ave./Hollywood Bl. West  
Franklin Hills Residents Assn.  
Highlands Owners Assn.  
Hollywood Dell Civic Assn.  
Hollywood Heights Assn.  
Hollywoodland Homeowners  
Holmby Hills Homeowners Assn.  
Kagel Canyon Civic Assn.  
Lake Hollywood HOA  
Laurel Canyon Assn.  
Lookout Mountain Alliance  
Los Feliz Improvement Assn.  
Mt. Olympus Property Owners  
Mt. Washington Homeowners All.  
Nichols Canyon Assn.  
N. Beverly Dr./Franklin Canyon  
Oak Forest Canyon Assn.  
Oaks Homeowners Assn.  
Outpost Estates Homeowners  
Pacific Palisades Residents Assn.  
Residents of Beverly Glen  
Roscomare Valley Assn.  
Save Sunset Blvd.  
Shadow Hills Property Owners  
Sherman Oaks HO Assn.  
Studio City Residents Assn.  
Sunset Hills Homeowners Assn.  
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Upper Nichols Canyon NA  
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