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November 22, 2011

Mr. Roelof van Ark  
Executive Director  
California High-Speed Rail Authority  
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Subject: California High-Speed Rail Proposed Los Angeles-San Diego Route Alternatives  
Opposition to Alignment through Miramar College

Dear Mr. van Ark:

On behalf of the Citizens' Oversight Committee (COC) for the San Diego Community College District's Propositions S and N bond program, we would like to express the Committee's strong opposition to the California High-Speed Rail Authority's proposed route running through Miramar College, the northernmost campus of the San Diego Community College District.

By law, oversight committees are required to observe, critique and report on the processes and efficiency of use of public dollars on bond financed school construction. More than three hundred million dollars of taxpayer supported bond generated money has been spent on upgrading and expanding Miramar College. The COC believes this proposed route, whether above ground, at grade, or subterranean, would do enormous damage to the campus, essentially negating that work. That is inefficient in the extreme.

Forcing San Diego Community College to abandon or drastically alter the Miramar Campus is, quite simply, wasting money. It will surely rankle San Diego voters who voted overwhelmingly to pass two bond measures that are providing for new instructional and career training facilities, major renovations, infrastructure upgrades, enhanced ADA and public safety access, and parking facilities at Miramar College.


This is a huge investment by local taxpayers to support the future of education in San Diego that should not be compromised by the proposed alignment.

We understand from Chancellor Constance Carroll that the Authority is aware of the District's serious concerns about the proposed route and its negative impact upon the campus. We ask that the Authority consider our vigorous objections as another voice for citizens and taxpayers who approved the local bonds that are transforming Miramar from a humble commuter campus to a destination campus with world class facilities.

We cannot say it simply enough. **Do not go through Miramar College!** Find another route.

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Sincerely,



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