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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
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Honorable Supervisors:

I have been following the debate surrounding the oak tree in Santa Clarita Valley. In the interest of preserving some of the historic natural integrity of the Santa Clarita Valley, and the majesty of this obviously symbolic tree, I urge you to explore all avenues to save the oak tree on Pico Canyon Road from destruction or removal. I understand there are alternatives being proposed that satisfy the transportation needs of the area without necessitating the removal of this glorious oak tree.

Obviously, as we all grapple with a growing population, as well as the need for additional housing units, solutions to contentious issues like this one will continue to spark public debate. How this situation is ultimately resolved has the potential to set the standard for how we can be better equipped to craft future compromises that balance both the need for growth with the public's interest in preserving the environmental integrity of our communities. It is in everyone's interests – the County, developers, and protesters – to resolve this matter as quickly as possible.

If I, or my staff, can be of any assistance to you, please do not hesitate to call upon us.

Very truly yours,


JAMES K. HAHN
Mayor

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