Dear Chair Cortese and Commissioners,

On behalf of the City of Cloverdale City Council, I am writing to express both our unanimous support of SCTA Chair Rabbitt's letter of October 10th and to submit one of our own core concerns: the accuracy of the 2040 "Employment Forecast" reductions provided on page 87 of Attachment A in the DRAFT Preferred Scenario for PBA 2017.

As shown, Cloverdale is the sole jurisdiction in Sonoma County with a reduction in both "Total" numbers (from 1,750 to 1,600) and "PDA" numbers (from 550 to 500). Absent clarification of the source(s) of these surprising and, frankly, troubling statistics plus a definition of "Employment", as used therein, we respectfully question the accuracy of both numbers. For example, is the DRAFT's definition of "Employment" the same as the definition of "Job" ("All full-time, part time and some volunteer") which City Council Member/SCTA Director Russell received from ABAG after requesting it in 2013?

Given the powerful, even unique, significance of the final PDA 2017 to various core aspects of our small yet increasingly vigorous city's future as experienced by our current and potential residents, businesses and visitors and which, therefore, affects vital aspects of Cloverdale's core health and resulting appeal to all of them, we believe our concern is justified.

My apology for emailing direct to your office; but the tight timeframe for comments prevented submission via our city letterhead and in greater detail.

The attention we trust you and your commissioner colleagues will give to our most pressing concern is very much appreciated.

Sincerely,
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