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RE: Affordable Sales Program- SR-710 Home Sales Public Comment Period and Hearings

Mr. Green,

As the California State Senator representing the 24th Senate District, which includes portions of El Sereno and many of the 710 properties, I want to express my concerns regarding the comment period and hearing schedule for the Affordable Sales Program. While I appreciate the efforts you have made to facilitate communication and feedback regarding this program, I respectfully request that more time be provided for comment and further hearings.

Caltrans has been given the challenging task of selling properties along the 710 corridor that have more than 30 years of complex history behind them. While I look forward to the opportunity to expand the availability of affordable housing within the region, it is the very complexity of the history of these properties that necessitates the regulations governing their release be effective, equitable, and well understood by tenants, prospective buyers, and the public at large. Unfortunately, the current end date for the comment period is scheduled for July 31st, 2014. I ask that you consider extending the comment period to a total of 120 days, with an end date of September 27, 2014, as well as scheduling additional hearings in the affected communities to maximize outreach and education.

Given the long history of these Caltrans-owned homes, as well as the long history of some of the tenants who reside in them, it seems more than reasonable to take ample time to ensure maximum public education and input on the regulations governing their sale. I appreciate your time and attention concerning this request. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact my office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ed Hernandez".

DR. ED HERNANDEZ, O.D.
California State Senator
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