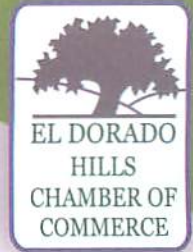


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March 4, 2013

Supervisor Ron Mikulaco
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County of El Dorado
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Dear Supervisors,

In anticipation of the upcoming vote of the Capital SouthEast Connector Joint Powers Authority on the project's 2012 Initial Plan of Finance, on behalf of the El Dorado Hills Chamber of Commerce I wanted to convey our support for moving this project forward due primarily to its economic development benefits.

As indicated in the Connector economic impact study released in December, the region overall will realize significant job gains by moving forward with the project's construction. Of the 25,000 additional direct and indirect jobs anticipated by 2035, we would expect a significant number of those to materialize in El Dorado Hills. Our 900-acre business park, currently home to 200 companies, in particular stands to benefit from the Connector's implementation. Efficient access to and from current and prospective business park employers is a key issue in ensuring that area's near-term and longer-term competitiveness.

Other parts of the region have moved forward with large-scale transportation infrastructure projects, such as the Sacramento International Airport expansion and the Highway 65 Lincoln Bypass in Placer County. We can't afford to be left further behind, especially when it's anticipated that the overall economic impact of the Connector would be similar to or perhaps even exceed those other regional projects.

The Connector's role in improving linkages between population and employment centers – including in El Dorado Hills – and attracting new business of all kinds to the region makes it imperative that we make it happen. And it needs to happen with El Dorado County's active involvement if our area is to realize its full benefits.

We encourage Supervisor Mikulaco's vote in support of the Plan of Finance when it comes before the JPA Board on March 8 and look forward to working with you to ensure that the project is implemented so that it works for El Dorado Hills residents and businesses.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Debbie Manning
President/CEO