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Laurie Berman, Director
Caltrans, District 11
4050 Taylor Street
San Diego, CA 92110

Dear Ms. Berman:

As a follow up to our phone conversation last week, I call on you to take whatever actions are necessary to ensure the safety of all those driving State Route 94 (SR94) from the intersection of SR54/94 east to the Otay Lakes Road/SR94 intersection. All highway improvements as a result of the Jamul Indian Village casino project should be in place prior to its opening.

Unfortunately the encroachment permit you approved doesn't even require completion of the intersection improvements at the entrance to the casino before it opens. Existing SR94 road conditions are at a level of service (LOS) F with over 17,000 cars and trucks daily. With the addition of at least another 9,000 vehicles when the casino opens, and with only the signal at the entrance to the casino required to be installed prior to opening, Caltrans has created a severe public safety hazard.

I also shared with you the "perfect storm" scenario as we enter our highest risk fire season. This scenario involves a collision on SR94 east of the casino, resulting in cars backed up for hours. Meanwhile, a fire breaks out to the east, fueled by Santa Ana winds moving the fire rapidly toward the west and approaching the line of stopped cars. Trapped drivers facing severe injury and death would be forced to flee the fire on foot.

I intend to hold the leadership at Caltrans and other state officials accountable for the reckless decisions that will likely result in injury or loss of life after the casino opens.

Once again, I urge you to take whatever actions necessary to assure the safety of all those driving SR 94 who would be impacted by the opening of JIV's Hollywood Casino. If you have any questions or would like to discuss further, please give me a call.

Sincerely,

DIANNE JACOB
Vice-Chairwoman

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