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Subject: Item 81  
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## Questions



**Q:** I'm a 3rd generation Niles native and my father worked at the Pacific State Steel Mill in the early 1950's . This road or whatever it called these days has always had issues and now Union City has been handed this when Mr. Haggerty didn't want to have a potential lawsuit.

And environmental issues still are at hand with the digging up the contaminated land and potential for contamination of the aquifers at the Niles Cone Basin!

I know that there is not enough funding from Union City for this road to nowhere and the disruption to the residents of Fremont that this road will be placed next to and crest a buffer of land next to the residents of Union City.

This multiple lane parkway is directly to be next to the Old Alameda Creek and the effects on wildlife that live in the Creek like deer, foxes, wild birds, frogs and migration of ducks.

There is litigation already started for another project that has a potential environmental impact that was filed by the Laborers International Union by attorney Rebecca Davis of the law firm Lozeau Drury.

So please reject this sell of property and rethink what and who will benefit and the possible effect this sell will cause.

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**Subject:** Comment Re: Union City Land Sale  
**Date:** Thursday, June 24, 2021 8:59:42 AM

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June 25, 2021

I request a NO vote on Agenda Item 81, pertaining to the sale of Union City, Ca. land to the city of Union City. I lived in Berlin, Germany for three years and have visited Barcelona, Spain four times in the past 6 years. Both of these cities have devoted large tracts of land kept in its natural state enjoyed, immensely by their residents and wide avenues shared equally between motor vehicles, cars, motorcycles and pedestrians, bicyclists, skate boarders, wheelchairs and senior assist motor vehicles.

I would like to see this area similarly designed/developed as a leisure and recreation area free from motor vehicle traffic.

I have been an Hayward, Ca. resident since 1954. I have seen a lot of change, overdevelopment from which we suffer including one of the highest city tax rates in California, an increasing crime rate, and an historically high number of vehicle violations (Ca. Vehicle Code) making our streets so much more dangerous to traverse. Let's not add to those problems.

Thank you,  
Jason Moreno  
Jane Newman  
1543 Highland Blvd.  
Hayward, Ca. 94542

**From:** [Cautn1](#)  
**To:** [California Transportation Commission@CATC](mailto:California.Transportation.Commission@CATC)  
**Subject:** Union City's Highway to No Where  
**Date:** Wednesday, June 23, 2021 9:35:02 PM

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Dear Commissioners,

It has come to our attention that the government of the City of Union City is asking you to facilitate its new highway by selling it some of the lands that would be obliterated by the highway if it were constructed.

As you are no doubt aware the highway was first envisioned by Caltrans in the late 1950's. It might have seemed like a good idea then. But in 2021 I do not believe that Caltrans itself would propose so destructive highway of so little consequence (except perhaps to a connected nearby developer).

BATWG urges you not to be a party to this ill-conceived and backward-looking scheme.

Sincerely,

Gerald Cauthen

Co-Founder and President,

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**From:** [Thomas Browne](#)  
**To:** [California.Transportation.Commission@CATC](mailto:California.Transportation.Commission@CATC)  
**Subject:** Hwy 84 surplus lands  
**Date:** Wednesday, June 23, 2021 8:51:34 AM

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Hello-i would like to urge the CTC to vote no on Agenda Item 81, the selling off of Hwy 84 "surplus lands". If this action is taken it will threaten local historical structures such as the J H Peterson farmhouse from 1884. As well, the cumulative effect on regional traffic will increase on either side of Niles Canyon with the canyon itself becoming an over run chokepoint with bumper to bumper traffic for a good part of the day. As someone who lives in Niles Canyon, i don't want to see this traffic nightmare come to fruition! Please vote no on Agenda Item 81! Thank you. Tom Browne, 1267 Filton Ct, Fremont, Ca 94536

**From:** [Bruce Cates](#)  
**To:** [California Transportation Commission@CATC](mailto:California.Transportation.Commission@CATC)  
**Subject:** Hwy 84 / Niles Canyon  
**Date:** Tuesday, June 22, 2021 5:18:56 PM

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**EXTERNAL EMAIL.** Links/attachments may not be safe.

My name is Bruce Cates , I live in Niles at the mouth of the Canyon, and I'M DEEPLY CONCERNED about the current plan to put an expressway through Union City and Fremont that will further clog the Canyon with more and more GAS GUZZLING CARS AND TRUCKS. We who live here have had it. If you will remember I am part of a group that protested some years back when you first proposed this insane project. We weren't happy then and came out in large numbers to protest, well here we go again, the planet is in serious trouble and you are making more room for this!!!! This is NOT Acceptable and I feel it necessary to rally 10 times as many people as before and make your lives miserable beyond what you can imagine. Tell your buddies at CalTrans, WE ARE NOT ASLEEP!!!

If the commuters can't find another way TO BAD.... GET A JOB IN THE VALLEY!!!  
Let the madness begin!

Kyle Shanks  
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Union City, CA 94587

April 27, 2021

California Transportation Commission  
1120 N Street MS 52  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Ms. Nakano,

I am a resident and home owner in Union City, Alameda County and a lifelong resident of California. I am writing today to request you do not sell your properties located on and around Alvarado-Niles Blvd and Quarry Lakes Drive in Union City. These parcels (APN: 87-11-15-14, APN: 87-11-15-15, APN: 87-11-16-6, APN: 87-11-16-7) are commonly referred to as the historic Peterson Farmhouse and the Ramirez Farm. The sale will result in transition of the land from agriculture and open space use to multi-family development and road expansion.

We need more open space and agricultural land in Alameda County. There is already enough housing, roads and infrastructure. The current use of these parcels is better than developing them for the following reasons:

1. The open space provides relief from a crowded and hectic Bay Area. The result is increased happiness for residents.
2. The farmland is reminiscent of the history of the area. The result is charm and more pride in the community.
3. Locally produced food is healthier, becoming more important and popular every day. Using these parcels for agriculture provides local food production and leaves the option for future increased production. The result is healthier citizens with more rounded lives.

All in all, Union City would be better served if you do not sell these parcels to the city. The end result of the sale will not be increased economic activity with benefits retained within the city borders, but instead it will become a housing community for jobs 30 miles away in Silicon Valley. The result will be increased traffic, pollution and a degradation of quality of life for the residents of Union City.

I request you consider the view that these parcels' highest value is their use as agricultural land and open space. They provide relief and charm in an already crowded area. Selling them to Union City will deprive many residents of the mental and physical health benefits their presence promotes.

Please do not sell these parcels to the city of Union City. They will be converted from the last remaining agricultural land to unnecessary housing or roadways.

Sincerely,

Kyle Shanks

CC: Joan Malloy, Union City Manager  
Mark Danaj, Fremont City Manager