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Mr. Bill O'Brien  
Stanislaus County  
1010 Tenth Street., 6<sup>th</sup> floor  
Modesto, Ca 95354

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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Dear Mr. O'Brien,

WS-PACE.org was disappointed in your November 14<sup>th</sup> vote to proceed with the submission of the West Park bond application as requested by Stanislaus County. While we understand your concern about jobs for this area, we don't understand why you voted to put so many of these jobs on the West Side of the county. Nor do we understand why you didn't consider the impacts on your own industrial plans and your area roads.

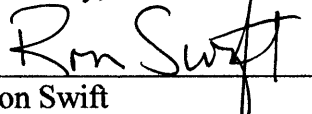
It's possible that your endorsement of the West Park proposal will work against another sales tax initiative if proposed. The basis for the opposition will be that some of that money may be used to improve roads leading to Crows Landing and create matching funds for the West Park proposal. We can't know if that will happen, but it may, and the usage issue will cause great doubt about any sales tax increase which is an unpopular concept in general.

StanCOG hasn't been successful in getting Highway 132 improved between Modesto and I-5 and yet now you've added a project that will use \$26 million in state infrastructure bond money and will require a Stanislaus County come up with a match of \$26 million.

We all agree that a large quantity of jobs are needed. But we believe they should be spread around the counties industrial base including your community. We believe that a 1,527 acre industrial project on the Crows Landing base county owned property would create the West Side's share of industrial acreage including the large tracts of industrial land already available in Newman and Patterson, or soon to be available.

Surely local people traveling to jobs in your industrial area would be better than commuting to the West Side! And would reduce air quality problems.

Sincerely,

  
Ron Swift  
President WS-PACE.org