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Hon. Jack Sweeney Supervisor County of El Dorado

Mr. Sweeney,

It is my hope that you will continue your support for your community at large, in pressing for preservation of the rail use on the Placerville rail corridor.

As an enthusiastic cycling citizen, I understand my obligation to my fellow citizen to share this corridor. I cannot in all honesty, ask that this corridor be reserved solely for the use of cyclists, when I know full well the very young, the very old, the disabled, or non cycling citizens would not have fair chance to take part in this wonderful, scenic area. There are many models around the country of combined rail and cycle-walking path use. I believe this is or best model for future use.

I have spoken before you in chambers about wanting to share the corridor. It is right to do so. I am bothered by my cycling brotherhood's lack of regard for their fellow citizens. Why can they not share? Why must we tear out our historical tracks for just cycling use?

I ask that you keep the rail track intact. Allow for possible future rail use, along with cyclist, equestrians, and other possible end users of this county asset, which was purchsed with all of the tax payer's money, not just the cyclist's money.

Please be fair to all of our citizens, keep our history, and keep the rails intact.

Thank you,

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Volunteer: Folsom El Dorado Sacramento Historical Railroad Association

Board member: Placerville Sacramento Valley Rail Road

Member: Recreational Railroad Coalition

Member: Motorcar Operators West

Member: North American Rail Car Operators Association

Participant: American River Bike-way Conservancy

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We support the efforts of the El Dorado Western Railway Foundation effort to build a Railroad Park in the town of El Dorado. This is an historic railroad and should be kept. I have spent many, many hours clearing the track - even tho I'm 86 years old. I believe in this railroad.



Mr. Jack Sweeney, Supervisor.

I am in support the El Dorado Western Railway Foundation effort to build a railroad park in El Dorado. John Paur, 2929 Fallen Leaf Rd., Cameron Park, CA 95682

Please delay the vote on Resolution 10-0682 Lynnee Boyes to: bosthree 06/26/2010 04:16 PM Show Details

To Supervisor Sweeney,

The proposed Historical Train Park and a Demonstration Train in the town of El Dorado is a project has been planned and reviewed by all stakeholders and is a perfect spot to preserve history. The Demonstration Train will run from El Dorado to Blanchard Road, about .75 mile distance. This rail right-of-way is one of few sections that is wide and flat and a Class I multiuse trail could be laid adjacent to the track at a reasonable cost.

I understand you are asking the Board of Supervisors to vote for Resolution #10-0682 which will extend the Demonstration Train distance another 3 miles (400%!) over more challenging terrain. I think this vote is premature because there has not been an estimate on the increased cost to extend the tracks or to lay an adjacent Class I trail over this more challenging terrain.

Please let me know if I have been misinformed. In the meantime I ask you to delay the vote on Resolution 10-0682 so all stakeholders can get an estimate of cost for both the Demonstration Train and adjacent Class I trail.

Thank you for taking our input into consideration.

Bob & Lynnee Boyes 5471 Milton Ranch Road Shingle Springs, CA 95682 El Dorado Railroad Park renee hargrove to: bosthree 06/28/2010 07:30 AM Cc: cunha2, eldorberry Show Details

Dear Supervisor Sweeney:

We respectfully request that the proposed resolution allowing the El Dorado County Historical Museum Administrator to initiate the development of the El Dorado Western Railway as the living history program of the El Dorado County Historic Railroad Park be favorably passed and protected.

As citizens and businesspeople, Dave Thomson and I would like to see more than just a fantastic revenue boost to Historic El Dorado, but also the preservation and protection of a historic feature that can never be replaced once removed. The Railroad Park will be a boon to the entire county for many years to come. I personally am a "walker" but am grateful for what we already have in the way of trails, etc. However, the public generally is not attracted to a locale for its walking trails, they want to see and experience things that have history, a story, romance of the Old West and more. The Railroad Park will be a timeless feature where parents and grandparents can bring their children, and years from now, those young children will have grown, and will bring their own. The Railroad Park is also ageless; people of all ages and physical capabilities can ride a train. They cannot always walk or ride a bicycle on a trail.

With this note, let me go on record as saying I believe we can all share what is available to us and that one entity should not have exclusive rights to a public venue. By that I mean that the bicycle proponents would be wise to compromise, after all, they should not have a monopoly on history and recreation. The work that has been accomplished on the Raildroad Park so far should be honored and all those who have worked tirelessly and correctly should be rewarded with a full "green light" toward completion.

A yes vote on this resolution will ensure that Historic El Dorado and the surrounding area is a viable tourist destination, and provides the El Dorado Western Railway access to an effective operating territory between Missouri Flat Rd and the junction of Mother Lode Drive at Pleasant Valley Rd (the El Dorado Y). As you know, this is an inclusive thing, not one that excludes anyone or anything.

Thank you for your time and efforts on behalf of this great project!

Sincerely,

Renee' Hargrove (530) 295-9486

El Dorado Railroad Pard Nancy Wright to: bosthree 06/28/2010 08:17 AM Show Details

Please vote yes for the El Dorado Railroad Park. Even though we live in Kentucky now, we keep in touch about what is happening with the railroad at home and try to help as much as possible.

Richard and Nancy Wright

El Dorado County Historic Railroad Park Jim and Marie Moore to: bosthree 06/28/2010 08:26 AM Show Details

Dear Supervisor Sweeney,

We ask you to support the resolution allowing the El Dorado County Historical Museum Administrator to develop the El Dorado Western Railway as the living history program.

Thank you,

Jim and Marie Moore jandmmoore@att.net 530-622-6531