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November 28, 2007

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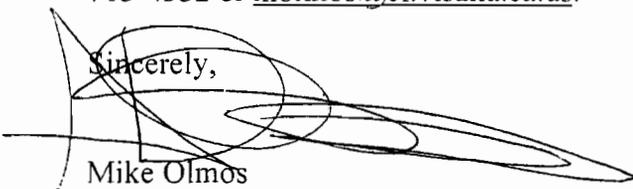
Subject: Docket No. AB-398 (Sub-7X) *San Joaquin Valley Railroad Company-  
Abandonment Exemption-in Tulare County CA (Between Strathmore and  
Jovista)*

Dear Mr. Gitomer:

In response to your recent notice regarding the proposed rail abandonment application described above, enclosed is a resolution of the City of Visalia City Council passed November 19, 2007, opposing this proposed abandonment request.

If you have any questions regarding the City Council's action, please contact me at 559-713-4332 or [molmos@ci.visalia.ca.us](mailto:molmos@ci.visalia.ca.us).

Sincerely,



Mike Olmos  
Assistant City Manager

Attachment: Certified Copy of Resolution 2007-97

C: Donjia Huffman, Chief Deputy City Clerk  
Surface Transportation Board

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I, Donjia Huffmon, Chief Deputy City Clerk of the City of Visalia, do hereby certify that the attached is a true and accurate copy of:

Resolution No. 2007- 97

**RESOLUTION OF THE VISALIA CITY COUNCIL OPPOSING THE PROPOSED  
ABANDONMENT OF A 30.37 MILE SEGMENT OF RAILLINE LOCATED BETWEEN  
STRATHMORE AND JOVISTA IN TULARE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA  
(SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD DOCKET NO. AB-398 – SUB NO. 7X)**

Passed and adopted at a regular meeting on November 19, 2007. The original is/are on file with the City of Visalia City Clerk's office.

  
Donjia Huffmon  
Chief Deputy City Clerk

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

WHEREAS, the San Joaquin Valley Railroad Company intends to file a petition to abandon a 30.37-mile segment of rail line in Southeastern Tulare County; and

WHEREAS, the proposed abandonment begins in Strathmore, CA as the northern point and ends at the Tulare County line to the South (known as Jovista, CA ); and

WHEREAS, as this is the only available rail line in Southeastern Tulare County, abandonment would leave many businesses without the ability to move goods on the rail line. The communities of Ducor, Richgrove, Strathmore, and Terra Bella and the City of Porterville will lose all rail service; and

WHEREAS, the absence of rail service will adversely affect businesses in this region by disrupting their operations; this will likely force them to move their goods by truck and will adversely affect regional air quality in an area that already suffers from poor air quality; and

WHEREAS, increased truck traffic will place significant additional traffic on local streets, roads, and highways resulting in increased traffic congestion and long term maintenance costs; and

WHEREAS, the loss of rail transportation will significantly and negatively impact our local economy by eliminating a viable option for movement of goods and agricultural products, and

WHEREAS, this rail corridor is a significant regional resource and its loss would be irretrievable.

NOW, therefore be it resolved that the Visalia City Council hereby opposes the abandonment of 30.37 miles of rail line along the San Joaquin Valley Railroad and urges the Surface Transportation Board to deny the request for abandonment.

PASSED AND ADOPTED: 11/19/07

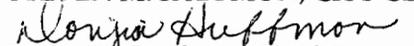
STEVEN M. SALOMON, CITY CLERK

STATE OF CALIFORNIA )  
COUNTY OF TULARE ) ss.  
CITY OF VISALIA )

I, Steven M. Salomon, City Clerk of the City of Visalia, certify the foregoing is the full and true Resolution 2007- 97 passed and adopted by the Council of the City of Visalia at a regular meeting held on November 19, 2007.

Dated: November 26, 2007

STEVEN M. SALOMON, CITY CLERK

  
By Donja Huffmon, Chief Deputy