

The Atherton Heritage Association

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**California High-Speed Rail Authority
925 L. Street, Suite 1425
Sacramento, Ca 95814**

Dear Chairpersons:

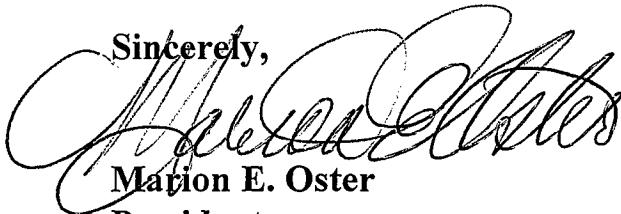
The Town of Atherton was incorporated in 1923 and was situated on both sides of the train tracks. The 7,200 residents in the 2,400 homes in our Town have not considered Atherton as two halves but rather one Town.

There are two roads that join the Town over the tracks. The train tracks must be put underground so we can remain a single Town, able to access the Town offices, police department and friends on both sides of the tracks.

We also respect, value and protect our trees and quality of life. Please, before you go ahead with this project, have a comprehensive E.I.R. done. The quality of life for the many residents up and down the peninsula will be affected.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



**Marion E. Oster
President**

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