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San Mateo County Board of Supervisors
Mr. Ted Lempert, President
County Government Building
401 Marshall Street
Redwood City, CA 94063

Re: Devil's Slide is an Emergency

Dear President Lempert:

The loss of the use of Highway One is an emergency. The MidCoast Community Council calls upon the Board of Supervisors to recognize the crippling effects upon the businesses, residents and commuters.

As such we urge that the Board of Supervisors take extraordinary steps now to bring on line a short term fix, and long term solution.

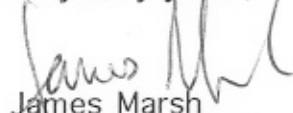
Cal Trans has for years been unwilling to openly discuss the testing data and the various options, to show their tax payer paid studies under the advise of their attorneys. The time has come to get all the parties involved together at one table to discuss not only all possible solutions, but to set timetables to get common numbers/ data and to drive a consensus solution.

The MidCoast Community Council hopes that the Board of Supervisors will become the agent of change and drive the numerous parties to willingly seek a solution. Lawsuits only enrich and enhance the pockets of the lawyer consultants while the we, the people, are damaged. Modern conflict resolution uses models of resolution that are an evolution from the zero sum game techniques of the past. It is time for the Devil's Slide "situation" to move into the twentieth century, for us to solve this and for us to move on to the next "situation".

All options must be examined, and discussed: not merely discarded as having been once tried. We must have an honest and open discussion with concurrence on the facts, a willingness to participate, and a recognition of the importance of the problem and the solution.

The MidCoast Community Council places the utmost urgency on the repairs to the highway, and the Council and our constituency feels that we should have a place in the discussions.

Very truly yours,



James Marsh
Chair, MidCoast Community Council