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STATE CLEARINGHOUSE

Sent by email to: CSchaefer@lahabracca.gov

**Re: Volara Townhomes Project
SCH 2019060214 — Notice of Preparation**

Dear Mr. Schaefer:

The California Public Utilities Commission (Commission/CPUC) has jurisdiction over rail crossings (crossings) in California. CPUC ensures that crossings are safely designed, constructed, and maintained. The Commission's Rail Crossings Engineering Branch (RCEB) is in receipt of the *Notice of Preparation (NOP)* for the proposed Volara Townhomes Project (Project). City of La Habra (City) is the lead agency.

The City proposes to construct 58 townhome units on a 2.92-acre site located along the east side of Euclid Street, and immediately south of the Union Pacific railroad (UPRR) right-of-way. Access will be provided by an existing 35-foot-wide driveway located along the east side of Euclid Street. The Project area is to be located at the southeast quadrant of the Euclid Street crossing (CPUC No. 001BBJ-504.95, DOT No. 761443L) of the UPRR Los Nietos Subdivision. The crossing is equipped with two Commission Standard 9 (flashing light signal assembly with automatic gate arm) warning devices.

Any development adjacent to the railroad right-of-way (ROW) should be planned with the safety of the rail corridor in mind. New developments may increase pedestrian or vehicular traffic volumes not only on streets and at intersections, but also at nearby rail crossings. Traffic impact studies should analyze rail crossing safety and potential mitigation measures. Safety improvement measures may include the planning for grade separations or improvements to existing at-grade crossings. Examples of improvements may include, but are not limited to: addition or upgrade of crossing warning devices, detectable warning surfaces and edge lines on sidewalks, and pedestrian channelization. Pedestrian and bicycle routes should be designed to clearly prohibit and discourage unauthorized access (trespassing) onto the tracks, except at authorized crossings.

In addition, construction or modification of public crossings requires authorization from the Commission. RCEB representatives are available to discuss any potential safety impacts or concerns at crossings. Please continue to keep RCEB informed of the project's development. More information can be found at: <http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/crossings>.

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If you have any questions, please contact Matt Cervantes at (213) 266-4716, or mci@cpuc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Matt Cervantes". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Matt" and last name "Cervantes" clearly distinguishable.

Matt Cervantes, PE
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