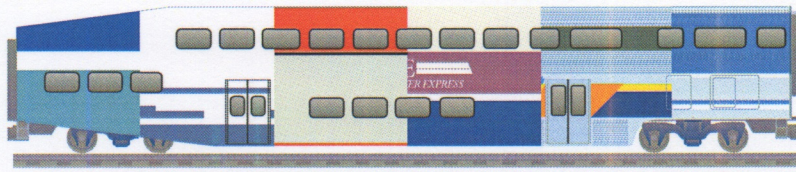


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Re: California High-Speed Rail Authority v. Superior Court (Tos), S220926
Amicus Curiae Letter Supporting Petition for Review

Ronald Jones
Vice President
Madera County

Dear Chief Justice and Associate Justices of the California Supreme Court:

Gordon Osmundson
Treasurer
Alameda County

I write this amicus letter on behalf of the Train Riders Association of California ("TRAC"). We support the petition for review filed by Tos et al from the decision of the Third District Court of Appeal, reversing judge Michael P. Kenny's mandamus decisions against the High Speed Rail Authority.

David Schonbrunn
Secretary
Marin County

TRAC encouraged the Planning and Conservation League to draft the 1990 California Rail Initiative, Prop. 116, a \$1.99 billion bond measure which helped fund over 40 passenger rail and transit projects. Our organization played a pivotal role in defining its provisions, including accountability measures, and was one of its first co-sponsors.

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The cost overruns and engineering scandals on the Los Angeles Metro Red Line in the early 1990s, a project partly funded by Prop. 116, made it impossible to pass additional bond measures. Rail bonds polled negatively for a decade because of voter distrust.

Arthur Bauer
Sacramento County

This history is one of the reasons that the legislature felt compelled to write such strict control language into Prop. 1A. We believe that this control language provided the slim margin of victory for the measure. Our concern is that the appellate holdings in Tos will kill voter trust. That would block us from promoting a new rail bond. In this time of climate change, California needs to greatly improve its passenger rail network. Rail will be a critical part of our future, and we need bonds to build it.

Art Brown
Orange County

Derek Casady
San Diego County

This case raises the troubling issue of whether voters and taxpayers can rely on the plain language requirements written into a bond measure. TRAC asks the Court to grant review of this important case, and consider restoring the enforceability of voter-approved measure provisions.

Paul Dyson
Los Angeles County

Sincerely,

Tom Frankum
San Diego County

Shelby Kaplan
Los Angeles County

William F. McGeehan III
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A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michael D. Setty".

Justin Walker
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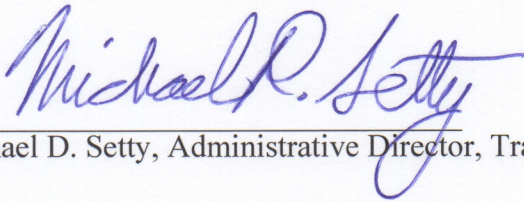
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I am a citizen of the United States and a resident of Napa County. I am over the age of eighteen years and not a party to the within above-titled action. My business address is Train Riders Association of California, 1025 9th Street, Suite 223, Sacramento, CA. 94814.

On September 29, 2014 I served the within AMICUS CURIAE LETTER OF THE TRAIN RIDERS ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA ("TRAC") IN SUPPORT OF PETITION FOR REVIEW OF REAL PARTIES IN INTEREST JOHN TOS, AARON FUKUDA, AND COUNTY OF KINGS on the parties listed on the attached service list by placing true copies thereof enclosed in sealed envelopes with postage thereon fully prepaid, in a U.S. mailbox at Napa, California addressed as shown on said service list.

I, Michael D. Setty, hereby declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed at Napa, California on September 29, 2014.



Michael D. Setty, Administrative Director, Train Riders Association of California

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