

# City of Jurupa Valley

Brian Berkson, Mayor . Anthony Kelly, Mayor Pro Tem .  
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Office of the City Council  
March 7, 2019

Mr. Joseph Ortiz  
Chairman of the Board  
Riverside Chamber of Commerce  
3985 University Avenue  
Riverside, CA 92501

Mayor Rusty Bailey  
City of Riverside  
3900 Main Street  
Riverside, CA 92522

**Re: Riverside Transmission Reliability Project**

Dear Mr. Ortiz and Mayor Bailey:

The Riverside Chamber of Commerce and the City of Riverside are providing false and misleading information to residents and businesses about the Riverside Transmission Reliability Project (RTRP) in an effort to obtain the signatures of residents and businesses on a petition urging the California Public Utilities Commission to approve the RTRP.

The City of Jurupa Valley supports the undergrounding of the RTRP within the City of Jurupa Valley. Undergrounding the RTRP within Jurupa Valley will provide the residents and businesses in the City of Riverside with the same electrical security as would exist with the above-ground option.

Undergrounding the RTRP high-voltage transmission lines in Jurupa Valley will not be expensive for the residents and businesses in the City of Riverside. According to Dr. Keith Casey, California Independent System Operators (CAISO) V.P. Infrastructure, Riverside's share of the costs of the RTRP, including any undergrounding in Jurupa Valley, is a mere 1.04% to 1.07% of the costs of the RTRP paid over the life of the facilities. CAISO is the entity that ordered City of Riverside and SCE to create the secondary connection for Riverside in 2006.

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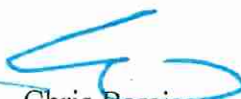
By undergrounding the RTRP's high-voltage transmission lines, the City of Riverside and Southern California will save millions of dollars in the costs of acquiring private land for the transmission line towers. Under its franchise agreement with the City of Jurupa Valley, Southern California Edison will not need to pay for the right to use the City street to construct the lines underground. Despite being requested by Jurupa Valley City staff to provide cost information, the City of Riverside and Southern California Edison have either refused or are unable to justify their statements that the undergrounding will be expensive, and will significantly impact the City of Riverside ratepayers to the extent being represented by Riverside and the Riverside Chamber of Commerce.

The people of Jurupa Valley will unjustly bear all of the burdens resulting from the RTRP lines being constructed above ground within Jurupa Valley but will not receive any benefits from this project. Undergrounding mitigates many of the adverse effects of the RTRP above-ground lines on the City of Jurupa Valley documented in the Commission's Supplemental Environmental Impact Report for the RTRP. The Supplement Environmental Impact Report found that undergrounding the RTRP in Jurupa Valley is the "environmentally superior alternative," the best option for the RTRP.

Sincerely yours,



Brian Berkson  
Mayor



Chris Barajas  
Council Member



Anthony Kelly, Jr.  
Mayor pro Tempore



Lorena Barajas  
Council Member



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cc. Congressman Mark Takano  
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Gary Thompson, City Manager, City of Jurupa Valley  
Todd Corbin, General Manager, Riverside Public Utilities  
George Hanson, Riverside Public Utilities