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City backs 710

We chaired the campaign that passed the initiative locking in the official city of Pasadena position supporting completion of the 710 Freeway. Voters approved that measure 58 percent to 42 percent at the polls on March 6, 2001, becoming Ordinance 6851. Our intent in sponsoring the initiative was to empower the people of the city to declare an official Pasadena position that could not be changed or altered by the City Council.

The words of the city position affirmed by the voters are unmistakably clear. The policy of the city of Pasadena favors completion of the 710

Freeway between the 210 Freeway and the 10 Freeway.

Mayor Bogaard has expressed his opinion that the initiative does not apply to a tunnel alternative for completing the 710. The initiative did not limit itself to a method of completion, whether below, at or above the surface. "Completion" means completion.

The crystal-clear policy voted by the people of Pasadena remains as valid as when the voters passed it in 2001: "The City of Pasadena favors completion of the 710 Freeway between the I-210 Freeway and the I-10 Freeway."

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