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FOOTBALL STADIUM PROJECT

Supporters for building a new football stadium in downtown Los Angeles are lobbying State lawmakers to create special interest legislation to expedite the regulatory review process and protect the project from lawsuits. State lawmakers cite the potential job creating opportunities from building a new stadium as a reason to support changing laws to reduce bureaucratic red tape. However, they fail to recognize that construction of public and non-profit facilities including hospitals, schools, libraries and transportation projects also create jobs and spur local economic growth. Moreover, these public and non-profit facilities fill a vital medical, educational and transportation need.

Rather than passing laws for special interests, the state legislature should eliminate those rules and regulations that create barriers. For example, the environmental review process adds over a year to government construction projects that provide vital public services such as hospitals, libraries, schools and transportation projects. The construction of critical projects such as the High Desert Multi-Service Ambulatory Care Center (MACC) and the Martin Luther King Jr. MACC are routinely delayed due to state bureaucratic red tape as are other vital county projects.

In 2009, the legislature passed **ABX3 81 (Hall)** which was an extraordinary session bill that granted an exemption from California Environmental Quality Act requirements to a proposed football stadium and entertainment complex in the City of Industry. The County opposed this bill.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors oppose any efforts to protect a football stadium project from environmental challenges unless hospitals, libraries, schools, transportation projects and other vital public and non-profit facilities are also included in the expedited development process.

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