COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENT

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The Arleta Neighborhood Council supports the Trojan Storage Arleta project to move forward at 14201 Paxton Street in Arleta. The triangular-shaped lot is adjacent to the west of an off-ramp exit of the southbound Golden State Freeway (Interstate 5) and is located on the north side of Paxton Street.

Homeless encampment activity has been rampant at the subject property for a number of years and continues to this day there unimpeded. Single-family homes are directly across the street on the south side of Paxton Street and along Sharp Avenue and fires have taken place at 14201 Paxton Street and underneath the freeway as both a direct result of homeless encampment activities and other illicit activities taking place in the immediate vicinity. Leaving the lot as presently exists will remain as a public safety hazard for residents nearby, pedestrians, and all motorists. Homeless encampments have not been limited to the proposed project site either and one only needs to walk underneath the freeway to observe other similar homeless encampment activity on the Pacoima side at the adjacent park on the north side of Paxton Street as well.

It is the understanding that Trojan Storage of Arleta, LLC will perform a clean-up of the site although it was not articulated what steps would be executed to mitigate this piece of land's former use for oil drilling. Please contact the Arleta Neighborhood Council on what encompasses the clean up as residents situated directly across the street and just north of the subject property at Minnehaha Street in the neighboring community of Mission Hills need to be informed of the mitigation that will take place.