



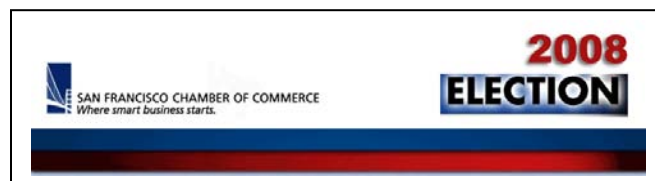
Boost our Economy, Protect Our Environment, Ease Traffic Congestion, Invest in Our Future - Support Quotes

CALPIRG

“Especially as our population grows to more than 50 million people by 2030, Californians need more transportation options. Our cities are already among the most congested cities in the country. Without more alternatives to the car, our oil dependence and global warming emissions will continue to grow. High-speed rail is not only a faster and much cleaner way to travel throughout the state, it will cost less to build than the highway and airport expansions we’ll need without it.”

Emily Rusch

Advocate, CALPIRG (Calif. Public Interest Research Group)



“The San Francisco Chamber of Commerce is committed to the economically viable option of building high-speed rail in California in order to create an additional transportation option for our congested state. A high-speed train system will increase mobility throughout the state, boost our economy, fight vehicle and air corridor congestion, decrease air pollution and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, decrease our dependence on foreign oil and operate without government subsidies.”

Jim Lazarus

*Sr. Vice President, San Francisco Chamber of Commerce
(representing 2,000 local businesses)*

Californians for High Speed Trains-Yes on Proposition 1A - A Coalition of Taxpayer, Business, Environmental and Labor Groups and People from Across California Tired of Being Stuck In Traffic Supported by Californians for a Safe & Reliable High Speed Rail

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“Sierra Club supports Proposition 1A because a zero-emission high-speed train system will cut global warming pollution and help Californians move around without getting stuck in crowded airports and congested freeways. Proposition 1A will save costly fuel and promote sustainable land use and urban revitalization. The California Air Resources Board projects that a high-speed rail system would reduce greenhouse gas emissions by a million metric tons in 2020.”

***Bill Magavern
Director, Sierra Club California.***



"With rising fuel prices, airline cutbacks and congestion throughout California's transportation infrastructure, California's consumers need new options for travel ... both locally and across the state. The high-speed train system will provide consumers a long term, reliable and affordable alternative as California's population continues to grow. The investment in high speed trains Prop 1A allows is a smart and proper use of state bond resources that will pay dividends for generations of California consumers and our economy as a whole."

***Richard Holober
Executive Director, Consumer Federation of California***

Los Angeles Times

We still think voters should give in to the measure's gleaming promise, because it's in their long-term interest. Weaning travelers from gas-powered, road-choking cars is critical to the state's health and competitiveness. A high-speed rail line would not only provide a cleaner and faster alternative to automobiles, it would encourage transit-friendly development.

The measure isn't as big a risk as it would be if the state were footing the entire bill. The "backbone" segment from Los Angeles to San Francisco is projected to cost \$33 billion, with about 75% from federal and private sources. Until those funds are secured, the state won't issue most of its bonds. If the line never gets built, the state's losses will be well under \$2 billion. That's not too much to wager on a visionary leap that would cement California's place as the nation's most forward-thinking state.

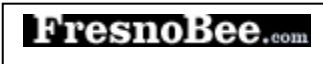
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High-speed rail pays off

The economic case for high-speed rail is well-established. It's even more important in tough times like these, when there's such a great need for jobs and investment.

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