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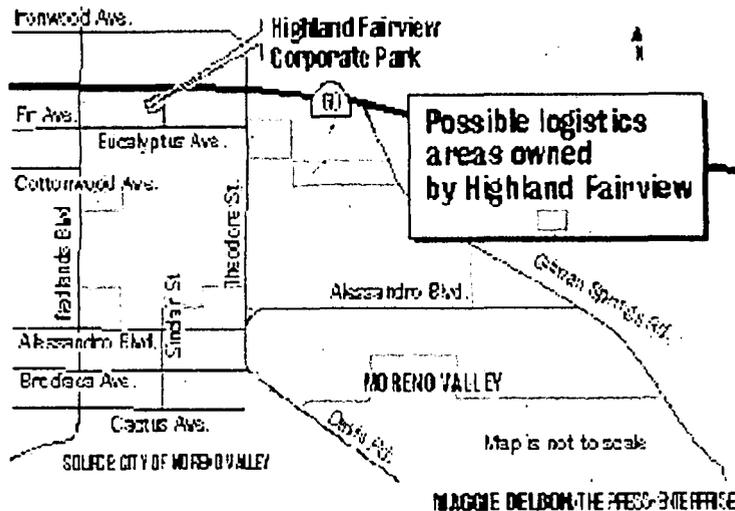
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By DAN LEE  
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That potential scenario was included in the draft environmental impact report that the Michael Brandman Associates consulting firm prepared for the Skechers project. It would affect about 1,800 acres south of Highway 60 and between Redlands Boulevard and Gilman Springs Road, reducing the number of homes allowable in the Specific Plan in the area and increasing the land devoted to industrial uses.

Although the 1.8 million-square-foot Skechers building is a separate project, Highland Fairview President Iddo Benzeevi said the scenario was included in the report because residents had asked what might happen if that area, known as the Moreno Highlands, was developed into a business park. Highland Fairview has not formally submitted any proposal for logistic centers in the Moreno Highlands area.



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Any such proposal would require revising the Moreno Highlands Specific Plan, which would require the city Planning Commission and the City Council to hold public hearings prior to approval, city Planning Official John Terrell said by phone.

### Jobs

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Environmental activists sued the city over the plan, claiming that traffic, air pollution and potential earthquake hazards were not adequately addressed. They also argued that the planned community threatened the nearby San Jacinto Wildlife Area.

Although the projects' developers decided not to shelve their construction plans in June 1993, citing the economic downturn at that time, a judge in May 1994 ruled that the city had approved the Moreno Highlands plan properly. The Moreno Highlands community remains unbuilt.

Benzeevi said it is critical that Moreno Valley develop more of an employment base: Only about 3 percent of Moreno Valley's land can generate jobs, compared with the 10-20 percent in most cities. Without sufficient local jobs, residents are forced to commute out of town for work, creating traffic and causing them to have less time with their families, he said.

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A big part of the original Highlands plan already was intended for industrial uses, the developer added. With the addition of distribution centers the Moreno Highlands area could generate more than 26,700 jobs, according to Michael Brandman Associates.

Jamil Dada, chairman of the Moreno Valley Chamber of Commerce, said he agrees that Moreno Valley needs jobs. Dada has supported the Skechers project and proposals by ProLogis and First Industrial Trust to build distribution centers nearby.

Dada added, however, that he would like to see city officials determine what Moreno Valley residents want on the eastern end. He also said he would like to know what the environmental impact of the proposed changes might be.

### 'Still a Mess'

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"It's already still a mess heading west (on Highway 60)," Franz said by phone. "I don't think it's a good idea taking trucks east through the Badlands."

The addition of logistics buildings to the Moreno Highlands would result in less traffic and overall pollution emissions than the land uses under the existing plan, according to Michael Brandman Associates. However, it would result in increased diesel emissions, the consulting firm found in its report.

Benzeevi said any logistics or distribution centers built in the Moreno Highlands area would be built to the same standard as the Skechers building, which is seeking the highest rating under the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design standards. The developer added that Highland Fairview would take the necessary steps to minimize the effects on air quality and traffic as much as possible.

The logistics proposal and the future of eastern Moreno Valley are expected to be issues in the Nov. 4 election for the 3rd Council District seat, which represents the area.

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Moreover, the Moreno Valley Taxpayers Association has spent about \$120,000 on a campaign to oust West and fellow incumbent Councilman Charles White. Highland Fairview Properties has contributed \$60,000 to the effort, according to the most recent campaign finance reports that have been submitted.

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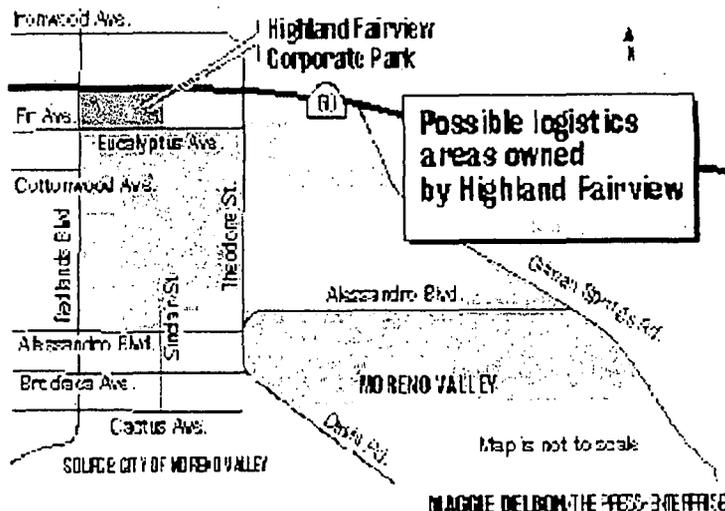
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October 22, 2013

Ms. Jane Halstead  
Moreno Valley City Clerk  
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Subject: **Preservation of Evidence Demand**

Dear Ms. Halstead:

The Riverside County District Attorney's Office has learned that the Moreno Valley City Council will consider adopting Resolution No. 2013-82, a "Resolution Adopting Updated Records Retention Schedules and Authorizing Destruction of Certain City Records" at its regular meeting on October 22, 2013.

The District Attorney's Office has reason to believe that litigation may result from matters currently under investigation with regard to the City of Moreno Valley and that relevant evidence potentially may be destroyed if Resolution No. 2013-82 is passed and implemented. This information may be in the City of Moreno Valley's possession or control and the City has a duty to preserve that information.

Therefore, the District Attorney's Office demands that the City of Moreno Valley immediately take action to protect and preserve until further notice any of that information that is in its possession or under its control until further notice.

Specifically, the District Attorney's Office demands that the City of Moreno Valley immediately suspend deletion, overwriting and/or any other destruction of records and electronic stored information (hereinafter "ESI") connected, either directly or indirectly, to the following:

- All records and ESI associated with or concerning Highland Fairview, Iddo Benzeevi, Jerry Stephens, Tom Owings, Marcelo Co, Jesse Molina, Victoria Baca, Richard Stewart, Yxstian Gutierrez and Michael Geller.
- All records and ESI associated with or concerning all City of Moreno Valley elected and appointed public officials and Department Heads.

- All records and ESI associated with or concerning pending or approved development construction projects, infrastructure and/or new infrastructure projects located in the City of Moreno Valley.
- All records and ESI associated with or concerning communications to and from City of Moreno Valley employees, elected and/or appointed public officials regarding the hiring, employment and discharge of former City Manager Henry Garcia.
- All records and ESI associated with or concerning the following development projects: Skechers, World Logistic Center, Prologis, Aquabella Development, Ridge Property Development and Nason Street infrastructure improvements.

The District Attorney's Office is specifically demanding that you preserve all documents, tangible things and ESI potentially associated with or concerning the matters identified above for the time frame of January 1, 2008 to present.

ESI, as used in this demand, should be afforded the broadest possible definition and includes (by way of example and not as an exclusive list) any and all information electronically, magnetically or optically stored as:

- Digital communications (e.g., e-mail, voice mail, instant messaging);
- Word processed documents (e.g., Word or WordPerfect documents and drafts);
- Spreadsheets and tables (e.g., Excel or Lotus 123 worksheets);
- Accounting Application Data (e.g., QuickBooks, Money, Peachtree data files);
- Image and Facsimile Files (e.g., .PDF, .TIFF, .JPG, .GIF images);
- Sound Recordings (e.g., .WAV and .MP3 files);
- Video and Animation (e.g., .AVI and .MOV files);
- Databases (e.g., Access, Oracle, SQL Server data, SAP);
- Contact and Relationship Management Data (e.g., Outlook, ACT!);
- Calendar and Diary Application Data (e.g., Outlook PST, Yahoo, blog tools);
- Online Access Data (e.g., Temporary Internet Files, History, Cookies);
- Presentations (e.g., PowerPoint, Corel Presentations)
- Network Access and Server Activity Logs;
- Project Management Application Data;
- Computer Aided Design/Drawing Files; and,
- Back Up and Archival Files (e.g., Zip, .GHO)

All ESI must be preserved so that it can be retrieved at a later time. The information must be preserved in its original electronic form so that all information contained within it,

Jane Halstead, Moreno Valley City Clerk

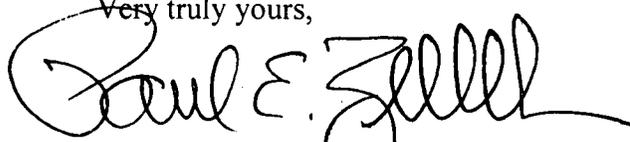
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whether visible or not, is also available for inspection. It is not sufficient to make a hard copy of electronic communication.

Thank you for your anticipated cooperation.

Very truly yours,



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