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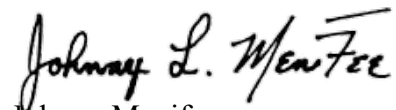
Dear Council Members,

In light of the ongoing 696/11-Mile Bridge construction project, I am writing to recommend the temporary opening of San Jose Blvd in Lathrup Village. The construction has led to significant traffic disruptions, and the opening of this route would offer several key benefits to the community:

1. **Traffic Relief:** The temporary opening of San Jose Blvd will provide an alternative route, easing congestion on neighboring streets and reducing delays for both residents and commuters. This will help maintain a smooth flow of traffic in the area, particularly during peak hours.
2. **Safety Considerations:** By providing an additional route, we can alleviate the strain on local streets, which can otherwise become overcrowded and potentially unsafe during construction periods. This will allow emergency vehicles and public service personnel to navigate more effectively through the area.
3. **Public Support and Convenience:** Many residents have expressed concerns about the extended delays due to road closures. Offering a temporary solution would demonstrate our responsiveness to the community's needs and improve the quality of life during this challenging construction period.

In conclusion, the temporary opening of San Jose Blvd would serve as a prudent measure to improve traffic flow, enhance safety, and provide immediate relief to our residents. I strongly recommend that the City Council approve this plan to address the current challenges faced by our community during the 696/11-Mile Bridge construction.

Sincerely,


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