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## CALIFORNIA HIGH-SPEED RAIL AUTHORITY

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Dear Chairman Pringle,

For the past 11 years I had the honor and privilege of serving as your Executive Director. During those years we collectively struggled to turn a vision that seemed to some to be an unrealistic and impossible mission, into a reality. We strived consistently to stay alive and move forward toward the lofty objective of building the most efficient and most environmentally friendly transport mode for California in the 21st century. California's economy has benefitted from past investments in mobility improvements and the High Speed Train Project will provide the essential mobility for the future decades of prosperity.

During the past 11 years the project was declared dead many times. Annually we were prepared to close the office. Sometimes, the objectives are so noble and so compelling that it can survive numerous challenges and hardships. This is one of those.

In November 2008, California voters accepted and adopted our mission and objective as their own and agreed to invest \$9 billion of their own extremely scarce and precious resources toward its construction--the first in the nation to do so. They understood the wisdom of investing in the future even in this difficult economy. Last year President Obama articulated his mobility vision for 21st century America--identical to ours. Those two events will assure the construction of the high-speed train in California which has been the sole reason for me to stay in this job as long as I have. The story of rags to riches cannot get any better.

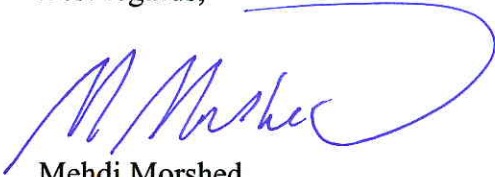
For me, the past 11 years have been filled with frustration and exhilaration. Yet I would not trade it for anything else in this world.

As it turns out, my involvement in this endeavor became a cause and I was dedicated to getting the work completed and achieving passage of the bond that would allow the project to begin construction. We experienced a few delays in getting there but today, there is no doubt in my

mind that the project will move forward and California will have the first state of the art high speed train in the nation.

Having accomplished my goal, I am resigning as your Executive Director at the end of March 2010, thereby ending my forty-six years of public service. I wish you and all the fabulous team members success and will be observing your progress as an interested citizen. Thank you for affording me the opportunity of a lifetime.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'M. Morshed', with a large, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Mehdi Morshed  
Executive Director