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Local Voices Wanted to Weigh in on I-580 Truck Ban
Legacy of Inequity to be Examined
Community Invited to Join a Town Hall on the Interstate 580 Truck Ban with Alameda County Supervisor Nate Miley and Regional Agencies
RSVP LINK: https://tinyurl.com/580TruckTownhall

Oakland, CA -- Interstate 580 runs through Alameda County including the cities of San Leandro and Oakland. In 1951, truck traffic was banned on the local East Bay thoroughfares which eventually became I-580. The ban on truck traffic was extended indefinitely in 1967 by Caltrans with the caveat that it be reviewed periodically. The I-580 ban covers an 8.7 mile stretch from Foothill Boulevard to Grand Avenue and remains one of fewer than a dozen such bans on a US Interstate nationwide.

On December 16, Alameda County Supervisor Nate Miley will host a community town hall as part of the need for an ongoing review. The session, the first-of-its kind in decades, will feature special presentations from Caltrans and the Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD). The community is invited to participate in this virtual town hall.

“Diverting truck traffic from the 580 onto other interstate highways like the 880 has created a legacy of air pollution, asthma and other impacts on residents in Oakland,” said Alameda County Supervisor Nate Miley. “Our community will benefit from a thorough review of the history, the health disparities and the economic impacts of this decision from 70 years ago to see if the ban should be changed in any way. The 1951 decision reflected an imbalance of political power and inequity and it's time to evaluate if and how the truck ban should remain in place. Both Caltrans and the BAAQMD analysis over the next year or so will help determine what best serves the public interest,” he added.
The town hall will also feature students from Life Academy of Health and Bioscience in Oakland. These students undertook their own research on the legacy and impacts of the truck ban on air quality in the community and the diversion of truck traffic to the I-880. They examined the structural racism behind the selective banning of truck traffic and the current air quality and health impacts they see in their community. Additional research led by the Environmental Defense Fund found concentrations of harmful pollutants from diesel exhaust were significantly higher in neighborhoods along 880 than those along 580. Black carbon concentrations were roughly 80% higher, nitrogen dioxide concentrations were 60% higher, and nitric oxide were more than double. These impose damaging health impacts on local communities.

The public is invited to hear presentations at 6:30 PM and there will be opportunities for public comment.

**WHAT:** Townhall Regarding Truck Ban along Interstate 580 hosted by Alameda County Supervisor Nate Miley

**WHO:** Speakers that will address the public include:

- Supervisor Nate Miley, Alameda County Supervisor of District 4
- Caltrans - History of ban, study (purpose and timeframe)
- Bay Area Air Quality Management District – Update on air quality study along corridor and health impacts

**WHEN:** Thursday, December 16, 6:30 PM-8:30 PM

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**About Alameda County Supervisor Nate Miley**

Nate Miley was first elected to the Alameda County Board of Supervisors in November 2000 and is currently serving his sixth term. He represents District 4, which includes portions of Oakland, from Montclair in the north to Oracle Arena and the Oakland Coliseum in the south, the City of Pleasanton and the unincorporated communities of Ashland, Castro Valley, Cherryland, El Portal Ridge, Fairmont Terrace, Fairview and Hillcrest Knolls. In January 2021, he was appointed Vice-President by his colleagues on the Board of Supervisors. He is a member of the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, Bay Area Air Quality Management District and Alameda County Transportation Commission.