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City of San Clemente to Introduce Measures to Protect Taxpayers and Stop Government Waste at First TCA Board Meeting Following Shocking Investigative Report

When: Thursday, March 14, 2019. Meeting starts at 9:30am

What: The first board meeting of the Transportation Corridor Agencies (TCA) following the shocking Los Angeles Times investigative report "While you sit in traffic, these tollway consultants charge the public $185 an hour for reading news," which found:

- 28 hours billed by one consultant in one 24-hour day;
- $230,000 paid for more than 1,300 hours reading "emails of news from transportation stories; evaluate reporter perspectives" at up to $185 an hour, including up to 7 hours in one day;
- A consultant paid more than $3,000 every month to compile news stories at $90 an hour;

- Over $1,000,000 for a digital budget for two small websites and social media accounts, including $380,000 for just one year;
- Double-billing for lump sum tasks that are also billed hourly; and
- One eight-hour meeting of 10 Venture Strategic consultants costing nearly $14,000.

TCA Boardmembers from the City of San Clemente, Councilmember Dan Bane and Councilmember Laura Ferguson, will be introducing measures to protect South Orange County taxpayers and stop wasteful government spending and potential fraud.

Where: TCA Headquarters - 125 Pacifica, Irvine, California

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Attachment: Los Angeles Times - *While you sit in traffic, these tollway consultants charge the public $185 an hour for reading news*

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