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Subject: Letter of Support for a Permanent Crossing of the Russian River at the Asti Crossing

Dear Board of Supervisors,

The Alexander Valley Citizens League strongly supports the building of a permanent bridge at the Asti Crossing. In fact our AVCL, whose membership now represents over 80 households on the east side of the Russian River, was founded to promote the replacement of the temporary Summer Bridge at the crossing with a permanent bridge. The safety necessity for the project was brought home by both the Pocket and Kincade Fires which occurred just prior to the removal of the temporary bridge, which still provided an evacuation route for our residents and

immediate access for the firefighters and emergency responders. Had the fires occurred a week or two later, after the temporary bridge would have been removed, there would have been a potential to trap our citizens and delay fire fighters if the winds moved the fires to the north of us.

Recognizing the need for the permanent bridge our AVCL members privately funded the Feasibility Study done by the bridge builder, Cornerstone Structural Engineering Group, that presented a bridge design for the crossing along with its estimated cost. The Study included both a Hydrology Analysis of the hundred year flood river flows in the area and a bridge design that would accommodate those flows. The design would also meet all Federal and State requirements.

With the likelihood that the fire season will continue to expand, a permanent solution is greatly needed. We hope the Board of Supervisors will now take the needed action to make it a reality.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Johnson', written in a cursive style.

The AVCL Board of Directors,
by Steve Johnson, Secretary

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