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Hi, Ann Dubay, Santa Rosa Chamber of Commerce representing 1500 businesses in this community. The chamber believes that the EIR is adequate in scope and would like to echo the statement from the alliance that Judge Watters' concerns have been addressed in the Draft EIR.

This is the most critical issue our community will face in years to come. Therefore, while we would not urge expediency over accuracy, or at the cost of our natural resources, we believe that at some point the economics of delay be considered. The chamber's economic development division and our manufacturing arm are consistently hearing from businesses who want certainty from government. They want to know their taxes, fees, and assessments two, three, five years out. Well, no one can provide absolute certainty or guarantees. Businesses are hesitant to expand or locate in an area where such great uncertainties exist as in Santa Rosa currently.

Therefore, if we continue to delay through additional studies, it is critical that the cost of job loss and wages not earned be considered.

Obviously, there are technical issues and questions that have been raised today and it is clear that these must be addressed, however we urge you to not let your responses to these issues delay certification.

**Mayor Wright:**

Patty Rogers, followed by Martin Smith, followed by Maureen Middlebrook.