December 9, 2014

Marin County Board of Supervisors
3501 Civic Center Drive
San Rafael, CA 94903

SUBJECT: Proposed ordinance to limit buses on roads within west Marin.

Dear Supervisors:

RECOMMENDATION: Conduct First reading of proposed ordinance and set merit hearing for December 16, 2014.

SUMMARY:

The Marin County Board of Supervisors is concerned that that certain roads, because of their topography, narrow lanes, and substandard site distances, are unsafe for vehicles in excess of 36'. In addition, the Marin County Board of Supervisors has received complaints that that tour buses traveling to Muir Woods are sometimes going through residential neighborhoods in order to avoid traffic on collector streets. Because of the noise they make and their size, these tour buses are inimical to the tranquility expected on residential streets.

Consequently, on December 9, 2014 the Board of Supervisors will conduct a first reading of a proposed ordinance to limit buses in excess of 36’ from certain roads and set a merit hearing on this proposed hearing for December 16, 2014. Provided the proposed ordinance passes, there will brought to the Board of Supervisors on December 16, 2014 a companion resolution that specifies which streets are subject to which restrictions and that sets penalties for violation of the ordinance.

FISCAL/STAFFING IMPACT: N/A
REVIEWED BY:

☐ Auditor-Controller  X  N/A
X  County Counsel  ☐ N/A
☐ Human Resources  X  N/A

Respectfully submitted,

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cc: Administrator