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To all County Surveyors and City Engineers

The Land Surveyors' Act required that monuments shall be protected and perpetuated. The act also specifically requires that when monuments are disturbed by the reconstruction or relocation of streets or highways, or any other public works, it is the responsibility of governmental agency having local jurisdiction to have such monuments located and referenced by, or under the direction of, a person authorized to practice land surveying. They (the monuments) shall be re-set in the surface of the new construction, a suitable monument box placed thereon, or permanent witness monuments set to perpetuate their location. Sufficient controlling monuments shall be retained or replaced in their original positions to enable land lines, property corners, and tract boundaries to be re-established without requiring devious surveys necessarily originating on monuments differing from the ones which currently control the area.

Re-surfacing of streets and highways resulting in monuments being covered with paving material instead of being preserved will be considered a violation of the Land Surveyors' Act by the Board.

Land is one of California's most precious assets, the ownership of land, and consequently the ability to define boundaries is dependent of monuments and their perpetuation.

It is the responsibility of all of us to work together to protect the monuments which define lands in California.

Sincerely,

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