

Alexander, Jacquelyne

From: marilyn kandus <m.kandus@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 06, 2017 2:19 PM
To: sbcob
Cc: marilyn kandus
Subject: Preserve More Mesa

To all it may concern,

I am writing to implore you to save the More Mesa property as it is. We need our open spaces.

As a homeowner adjacent to the More Mesa property, I implore you to keep this valuable space open to the community and undeveloped.

It was a big factor in my decision to purchase my house where it is.

The beauty of More Mesa with its natural environment nurtures our community in many ways.

I personally seek refuge there when I walk, birdwatch, bike ride and especially when I paint the landscape.

There is much to see and feel in every season on More Mesa. As an artist, I appreciate the peacefulness of the natural surroundings. The light is special here.

Bees and pollinators find food, animal life is abundant and people thrive. I love watching people walk, run, ride, and share nature with children.

Please preserve the More Mesa property for us all.

Thank you,

Marilyn Kandus

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Alexander, Jacquelyne

From: Bryant Wieneke <wieneke0907@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 06, 2017 4:05 PM
To: sbcob
Cc: John Pace
Subject: California Coastal Commission Recommendations

Dear Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors,

On behalf of the Parkcrest Homeowners Association (HOA), I am writing to convey our strong support of the California Coastal Commission (CCC) recommendations for inclusion in the Eastern Goleta Valley Community Plan. The homeowners in our community applaud the significant protections for More Mesa habitats and wildlife included in these CCC recommendations.

While HOA President John Pace will not be able to attend the Board of Supervisors meeting on November 7, 2017, I plan to attend and can speak to Parkcrest's position on this important issue.

Respectfully,

Bryant Wieneke
Parkcrest HOA Vice President

Alexander, Jacquelyne

From: Nina Gelman-Gans <ninagelmangans@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 06, 2017 4:20 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Protect More Mesa

I love walking More Mesa with my family. Please protect the open land and fragile habitat so we can share it going forward in the future.

Thank you,
Nina Gelman-Gans
Santa Barbara

Alexander, Jacquelyne

From: Libby Smith <libbysmith@cox.net>
Sent: Monday, November 06, 2017 4:28 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: preserving More Mesa

Please preserve More Mesa as an open space within Santa Barbara. Many people walk dogs, themselves, ride bikes and horses on this property.

Thank you,
Libby Smith

Alexander, Jacquelyne

From: Craig Cummings <craigrcummings@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 06, 2017 5:47 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Eastern Goleta Valley Community Plan

Dear SB County Board of Supervisors,

Tomorrow (Tuesday, November 7), you will be meeting to discuss the Eastern Goleta Valley Community Plan. I am writing to you via email because I am unable to attend tomorrow's meeting.

The California Coastal Commission has critiqued the plan and has provided sound, thoughtful recommendations regarding the stewardship and protection of the More Mesa habitat. More Mesa is the last remaining coastal open space in urban Santa Barbara. We should do everything possible to protect it for the generations that come after us.

The Coastal Commission has suggested several ways to strengthen existing protections. I am hopeful that you, the Board of Supervisors, will accept the Coastal Commission's suggestions.

I have walked More Mesa every day for the past 10 years -- please don't hesitate to contact me if I can provide any additional information or if I can help the Board in any way.

Thank you,

Craig Cummings
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Alexander, Jacquelyne

From: Aaron Kreisberg <akberg90@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 06, 2017 7:03 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Hearing Regarding the Eastern Goleta Valley Community Plan

Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors,

I urge you to accept as is the California Coastal Commission's certification of the County's Local Coastal Program concerning the Eastern Goleta Valley Community Plan. The areas within the scope of the plan, particularly More Mesa, should be preserved as they are and protected and enhanced to benefit the ecosystem and biota at large. The wetland, chaparral, grassland, bluff, and beach habitat found in this area are critical for the flora and fauna of Santa Barbara County. Please act to protect and preserve these valuables local treasures that make this area so special.

Thank you for your consideration regarding this issue.

Aaron Kreisberg
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Alexander, Jacquelyne

From: Karen Krulevitch <leahking@silcom.com>
Sent: Monday, November 06, 2017 8:44 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: please keep more mesa wild

More mesa, the plateau and beach, are such special areas. We need to keep them free and undeveloped. Please accept the coastal commission's suggestions for strengthening protection of this sensitive coastal land.

I have lived in santa Barbara since nineteen seventy two. I have spent much time over the years walking on this property and enjoying the ocean below. it would break my heart to hear that the more mesa area was being in any way compromised by development.

Thanks for your attention to this urgent matter.

sincerely,

Karen leah krulevitch, m.a, marriage and family therapist

Alexander, Jacquelyne

From: Sharon Kysely <akysely@impulse.net>
Sent: Monday, November 06, 2017 9:07 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Protect More Mesa

Dear Supervisors,

I first visited More Mesa at age 10; 54 years later I still enjoy its beauty, wildlife and solitude on a regular basis. In that past half-century I have only lived out of walking distance of this beautiful resource for 6 years.

More Mesa is an island of natural habitat in an ocean of homes that continues to expand. It's a simple truth: the more homes that are built, the less open space there is for people. No wonder I see more people at More Mesa trying to find a quiet place to enjoy some space and uncluttered views of the ocean and mountains.

I'm writing as a supporter of preserving open space in our ever more crowded environment to urge you to accept *all* of the Coastal Commission's suggestions for strengthening protection of More Mesa. Read them carefully and you will see they are in everyone's best interest.

My wife, Sharon Baumert-Kysely, though only a 'recent' visitor to More Mesa for the past 31 years, joins me in standing up for open space and the chance to protect More Mesa.

Forget developers, forget property taxes, and take a positive stand on the last chance we have at preserving open space in the area we call home.

Thank you for doing the right thing and protecting More Mesa.

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Alexander, Jacquelyne

From: Art Ludwig/ Oasis <oasis@oasisdesign.net>
Sent: Monday, November 06, 2017 9:29 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Strong Protection for More Mesa: Support

Honorable Supervisors,

Our family strongly supports strong protection for More Mesa. This open space is vital for recreation, habitat, airport safety, and the spiritual health of the community.

As the urbanized areas of Goleta and Santa Barbara densify, the few remaining open spaces become more and more important. Among other things, the importance of nature connection for the mental health and development of children is becoming more clear.

More mesa is one of the few open spaces big enough for residents to go for a real run, or take children to learn bicycle handling without the threat of being run over. We have been part of defending this land for decades; any purchaser of this land knows that the most likely outcome is that it be acquired for permanent public open space and the land use designations should prepare for and support that eventuality.

Yours,

Art Ludwig Lynn Shoemaker Maya Shoemaker

Alexander, Jacquelyne

From: Camille Gilbert <camillegilbert@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, November 06, 2017 9:41 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Preserve and protect More Mesa. It is a legacy.

Dear Board of Supervisors

More Mesa is the last remaining coastal open space in urban Santa Barbara. We need to do everything we can to protect it. The Coastal Commission has suggested several ways to strengthen existing protections.

You, the Board of Supervisors needs to accept these suggestions.

And I repeat More Mesa is the last remaining coastal open space in urban Santa Barbara. Please respect it, appreciate it. It is a legacy. It needs to be totally preserved as such. Listen to the Coastal Commission.

Sincerely,

Camille Gilbert
Santa Barbara, CA

Alexander, Jacquelyne

From: Katherine Zeiss, PhD, LCSW <truthspace108@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 07, 2017 7:00 AM
To: sbcob
Subject: Protection for MORE MESA OPEN SPACE Support PLEASE

Honorable Supervisors:

I request your actions today in protection of More Mesa— a precious and irreplaceable resource for our County. Our local residents, myself, friends and colleagues included, depend on this space for mental quietude and spiritual restoration in midst of our busily engaged lives. This gorgeous open, flat walking space with vast vistas of ocean, islands and mountains, restores to me a sense of balance which is increasingly necessary as the press of society's demands increase with human population expansion and its inherent complexities.

In addition to our human needs are those of her fellow creatures who depend on having tracts of open space in order to survive. More Mesa, as you know, has continually been demonstrated as vital Habitat for bird species and foxes, among others,

I know that I am not alone in feeling this Open Space to be a needed “go – to” — a refuge for Integration of body, mind and spirit. To be able to take a strong walk or run without breathing exhaust fumes is an increasing rarity, sadly. And the ability to hear Nature sounds without punctuation of car horns is as well.

I speak not just personally, but in my role as a mental health professional as well. I speak to the need of our current and coming generations to rely upon open spaces for the restoration and integration of life balance — integrated with nature. As Symptoms of our collective social stressors become increasingly evident day by day, let us take leadership in shouldering the responsibility TODAY to preserve resources such as open-space land which assist in depressurising every citizen. Only today can we act to protect this and other such resources. Such actions will certainly be magnified in value in generations to come. If we should lose ground in protecting these treasures, we would never be able to we claim them subsequently.

Thus I ask your strong support today in preserving More Mesa in its integrity as a treasureful open space which we can all continue to depend on for generations to come.

Thank you.
Respectfully yours,
Kate Zeiss, PhD, LCSW

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Lenzi, Chelsea

From: Mark Holmgren <maholmgren33@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 07, 2017 8:11 AM
To: sbcob
Subject: Eastern Goleta Valley Community Plan

Dear Santa Barbara County Supervisors:

I have experience with the wildlife, habitats, and changing conditions on More Mesa, both the county and the private portions, for 33 years. As founder of Kite Watch, a SB Audubon program to monitor annual White-tailed Kite productivity between Hope Ranch and Winchester Canyon, I have documented the extensive year-round use of More Mesa by that species.

Not only is it important to maximize the buffers around ESH on More Mesa, but we must create healthy corridors among open spaces so that they can communicate the small animals among our open spaces.

Please vote to adopt protections for chaparral, birds of prey, creeks, and habitats in the Goleta Valley area.

Please vote to prohibit development on coastal bluffs, including private staircases that jeopardize our beaches, bluff stability, and habitats. I would favor the exemption of existing staircases from the prohibition on new ones when the existing ones are in need of repair.

I urge the County, and your influence within the County's departments, to attend to the advice coming from Santa Barbara Audubon Society. It is presenting new ideas and new tools to provide better management of ecosystems in the county. Those include Kite Watch, the Santa Barbara Breeding Bird Study, and a new document titled *New Tools in Restoration Ecology: Mitigation for Impacts to Raptors*.

Sincerely,

Mark Holmgren, Biologist

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