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County of Santa Barbara Board of Supervisors 105 East Anapamu Street Santa Barbara, CA 93101

Dear Board of Supervisors,

As a lifelong Southern California resident and twenty-five year PGA Tour veteran, I am quite familiar with La Purisima Golf Course. The course combines a challenging layout with outstanding course conditions, which is an unusual and highly desirable combination, particularly with a daily fee golf course.

I believe it's an important asset to the community, attracting both local players and foreseeable destination golfers looking for new challenges or a weekend getaway. However as with any golf operations, keeping the golf course viable requires periodic reinvestment for course maintenance and new amenities. Santa Barbara would lose a valued asset if La Purisima GC ceased to operate.

I hope Santa Barbara County chooses to invest in La Purisima GC's future, by maintaining the playing experience and allowing La Purisima to serve not only the golf community, but the community as a whole.

Sincerely,

Steve Pate

PGA Touring Professional