

June 30, 2008

Supervisor Joe Centeno Fifth Supervisorial District 105 E. Anapamu Street Santa Barbara, CA 93101

Re:

Follow-up letter for Hope Church OCFD

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Dear Supervisor Centeno:

Last Friday, UPC filed a letter with the Clerk of the Board to be included in the Board packet regarding the OCFD issue for Hope Church. On Friday afternoon, a meeting was held with Supervisor Joni Gray, John Baker and Maria LaSala. Based on the review of the record with staff and the clarifications that were agreed to at the meeting, that letter no longer applies.

UPC and the Mays understand that they have no choice but to accept the provisions in the staff report as they will be corrected in tomorrow's meeting. The charts used in the election did not clearly reflect how the program was designed. According to staff, the tax rate will be \$0.49929 per sq.ft. for an estimated tax of \$14,665.64 once the church is constructed.

In the future, we hope to work with staff to see what opportunities there are to avoid taxing beneficial and non-profit projects at the highest level in Orcutt.

I will be in Santa Barbara tomorrow to go over any questions that this letter may have raised.

Thank you for your time on this matter.

Sincerely,

Laurie Tamura, AICP Principal Planner