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Brianda Negrete *Public Comment - Group 1*

From: Lauri Kriva <krivadercci@icloud.com>
Sent: Friday, February 10, 2023 2:24 PM
To: sbcob
Cc: Laura Capps; Supervisor Das Williams; Hartmann, Joan; Bob Nelson; Lavagnino, Steve
Subject: Remove Glen Annie from site consideration

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

I am a resident of Goleta and am writing to urge you to remove the Glen Annie Golf Course site from your list of potential sites suggested in the Housing Element Plan for Santa Barbara County.

Our family are avid golfers and regularly visit Glen Annie Golf Course. It is a gem, in particular because it has an untouched feel, nestled in and amongst agriculture in the area. I am deeply concerned about the impact any development on that site will have on natural resources, animals, land use, fire mitigation, not to mention the traffic, which is already bad in that area.

There are many other sites on the South Coast that could be considered - this should not be one of them.

Thanks and regards,

Lauri Kriva

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From: Tim Nightingale <timnightingale73@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, February 10, 2023 3:54 PM
To: sbcob
Cc: Laura Capps; Bob Nelson; Supervisor Das Williams; Hartmann, Joan; Lavagnino, Steve
Subject: Please remove Glen Annie Golf Course from consideration re: state mandated new housing in SB

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

I am a resident of Goleta (*was born 1973 and raised here in Goleta/Santa Barbara*). I also work here in town and am raising a family here. I am writing to strongly urge you to remove the Glen Annie Golf Course site from your list of potential sites suggested in the Housing Element Plan for Santa Barbara County.

My family (wife and two boys ages 16 and 12) and I are all avid golfers and regularly visit Glen Annie Golf Course to play and practice. My 16 year-old is a sophomore at Dos Pueblos High School and is a member of the varsity boys golf team. Glen Annie is their home course, which makes sense due to the proximity to the school. Both boys are "junior club" members there (we pay a reasonable annual fee which allows them to play for a much reduced rate). It is convenient for us, as we live in Goleta. The public golf options in town are very limited – Sandpiper is beautiful, but very expensive and not really a viable option most of the time. SB Golf Club ("Muni") is already very busy and is not nearly as convenient for those of us who live out in Goleta. All three of these public courses are already very busy. The closure of any one of these three regulation length courses would severely impact our local golfing community - especially Glen Annie and Muni. Sure there are country clubs one can join, but those are just not affordable for most.

Glen Annie is a great and beautiful local, regulation course. It blends in nicely amongst it's surroundings given the more rural feel out in that area.

I am also very concerned about the impact development on that site will have on everything that surrounds it, not to mention the traffic, which is already bad in that area due to the high school, the Hollister/Storke commercial area and the large amount of new housing development that has already gone up in that area over the past 10 years or so (Cortona Point, Hollister Village, The Village at Los Carneros, Willow Springs, etc.).

I know you are considering multiple sites, but this definitely should not be one of them.

Thank you for considering our family's input,
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From: Randy Baldwin <RBaldwin@smgrowers.com>
Sent: Friday, February 10, 2023 3:10 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Proposed development of the San Marcos Growers property in the 2031 Housing Element Update

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My name is Randy Baldwin. I am President of the San Marcos Growers corporation as well as General Manager of the nursery that occupies one of the sites identified as a possible property to be rezoned for over 800 residential units. In this statement I am NOT representing the Hodges Family (Brett Hodges, Brian Hodges & Sharon Bradford), the owners of the property the nursery is on, but am here representing myself and our wholesale nursery that was founded by their mother and has been on this property for forty three years. I am also speaking for the benefit of the 52 other county residents who we employ full time, including professional sales, accounting and shipping staff, credentialed horticulturists and trained nursery field workers. I myself have worked at San Marcos Growers since 1981 and there are many others who have nearly as much tenure in this company as I do.

Many local residents might not know very much about our nursery operation as we are a wholesale nursery and do not sell to the public, but we sell our plants to all of the area's independent retail nurseries and landscape professionals and ship plants sustainable in our mediterranean climate throughout California and beyond. We are also well regarded nationally for our website that provides useful and accurate information about the plants we grow. We provide plants to the county and Santa Barbara City, and are involved as committee or board members of all of the local botanic gardens, horticultural societies and plant clubs; they and local elementary schools such as El Camino School next door to us or the nearby Hollister School have regularly toured our nursery and gardens and the Santa Barbara City College horticulture program does this annually as well. We also donate plants to non-profit organizations, just last month we provided 100 oak trees to Santa Barbara Beautiful and we donate plants for school gardens and also lend them plants to decorate the stages for graduation ceremonies or other events. In short, I think we have been good neighbors to our community.

My family has also lived on the property for thirty seven years with our children attending all local schools and living in the same house that the John Troup family occupied while farming this property after arriving in the Goleta Valley in the late 1880s. I mention all of this as I think this committee needs to know that while rezoning agricultural property may seem like an easy solution to the community's needs, it comes with a considerable cost. Not only will we forever lose the open space but a nursery such as ours with existing greenhouses, shade houses, office buildings, irrigation and other infrastructure is not something we can just up and move, so this development of the property would mean the forced demise of our viable business with loss of jobs and the end of our horticultural legacy. I also think that everyone at this meeting recognizes how such a dense development would also change quality of life in the eastern Goleta Valley. With the adjacent 23 acre Tatum Property zoned at 20 units per acre already in the planning process, adding the proposed 800 units to this property will definitely adversely change the character of the area, with less open space and more traffic on our already overcrowded roads. Without a doubt additional affordable housing is needed in our area, but I don't think this property is the appropriate location to add such density.

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