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Dear staff,

Please add the attached letter to the public record and send to the Supervisors. The letter is in reference to Agenda Altem 25-00089, LUDC Amendments, c. ii) MLUDC.

Thank you.

Nancy Emerson

February 6, 2025

Board of Supervisors
Santa Barbara County
105 E. Anapamu Street, 4th Floor
Santa Barbara CA 93101

Dear Board of Supervisors

As the Contact for our Central Coast Chapter of Dark Sky International, I am writing about the Montecito Planning Commission's recommendation that the prohibition against uplighting be removed from the Montecito Inland Outdoor Lighting Ordinance. (Pg.5, C.3.) This will not be removed from its Coastal Zone Outdoor Lighting Ordinance.

I observed via video the Montecito Planning Commission members' lengthy and convoluted discussion of the proposed ordinance. It was clear to me that they were unsure and concerned about the response of current users of uplighting to a prohibition. All but one failed to absorb the fact stated by staff that the ordinance was not retroactive, and they did not know that downlighting, which mimics moonlight, was readily available. I wrote to the Commission and enclosed downlighting information but there seemed to be no feasible way to reconsider its decision.

Please keep all the County's ordinances consistent and do not allow Montecito an exception which would result in significant additional light pollution on the South Coast.

Sincerely,

Nancy Emerson, Contact
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