

Thank you Mr. Chair and Members of the Board;

My name is Dian Vanderhave and I am a 40 year resident of the Gaviota coast. Over the last 10 years, I have participated in a variety of planning efforts, including the Gaviota Coast Plan that the Board of Supervisors is now considering.

In general, the Gaviota Plan was developed cooperatively between the community and your planning staff. Unfortunately, the Coastal Commission staff insisted on changes to the Gaviota Plan that compromises your land use authority and threatens the coastal development permits and development rights that my family has secured.

Specifically, 1) the Coastal staff vastly expanded the definition of ESH beyond what we believe is reasonable; 2) the Coastal staff also eliminated the County's ability to identify appropriate setbacks based on actual ground conditions; and, 3) the Coastal staff provided a last minute exemption to the Gaviota Plan that only protects the legal structures and permits secured at the El Capitan Campgrounds, but not the rest of us, and this is unfair.

My family also has approved buildings and infrastructure that are located in areas that will now be considered ESH and within its associated buffers. As a result, regardless of approved permits, these improvements will now be considered legal non-conforming and subject to removal. We ask that the exemption that was appropriately adopted for the El Capitan Campgrounds be expanded to protect any Gaviota property owner that has received a permit for development on their land.

The Coastal staff's actions have left the Board of Supervisors no room for further negotiation. Consequently, the only reasonable option presented today is to withdraw the Gaviota Plan from consideration and resubmit an updated Gaviota Plan with these minor but equitable amendments that reflect changes supported by the community.

The Gaviota Plan and its regulations will be the controlling land use document for decades, if not generations. I hope that you can take the relatively short amount of time and insist on making these positive amendments to the Gaviota Plan.

Thank you for allowing me to make these comments.

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