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Public Comment - Group 1

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**From:** Pegeen Soutar <pegeensoutar@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, January 12, 2026 4:28 AM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** letter for item 3 of Tuesdays meeting regarding the festival ordinance  
**Attachments:** letter to supervisors deltopia.docx

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Good morning Katherine, I have a letter I'd like added to the record. It is less than a page so hopefully this isn't a problem.

Thank you ,  
Pegeen and Jon Soutar

Good Morning Supervisors,

Jon and I would like to express our support for the proposed amendments for the Outdoor Festival Ordinance. Change to Deltopia is not going to happen overnight. It is going to take a combination of education, ordinances and an alternative event to make Isla Vista safe on that week-end again.

We have seen absolutely horrific things happen on Deltopia. Unfortunately, the collective memory of the tragedies that have occurred fades every four years. The vast majority of current IV residents have not seen what has happened on that weekend over the past 15 years. When you have a combination of drugs, alcohol, unsafe cliffs and balconies, visitors with little to no understanding of our community and 25,000 people packed into a small area something has always gone wrong.

For years the worry was Halloween. We strongly believe the Festival Ordinance played a part in bringing this Holiday back to an event the whole community can support.

In terms of holding an Alternative Event for Deltopia, something on campus for that week-end would have the best desired result. If Extravaganza could be moved to that weekend it would give our students a spring party, and at the same time, discourage people living outside the community from coming in. We would need to think of ways to include SBCC students as they make up a large population of IV.

I have been told changing the date of Extravaganza is not something that can happen this year, maybe a different large event that weekend on campus? That said, we believe the collective community should start working with Associated Students, Program Board, appropriate University officials, the IVCSA and Law Enforcement ASAP to have something in place for next year.

Attached are photos Jon and I took on January 3-4, the recent king tides and major rain events have added to the fragility of the bluff. With these balconies, Del Playa Drive is not the venue for over 25,000 to party. If something were to happen to one of those balconies, the consequences would be heartbreaking.

Your passing this ordinance will be a step in the right direction toward safety and to help curb the influx of people from out of town.

In addition to the passage of this ordinance, anything that can be done in cooperation with property owners, the fire department, zoning officials or any other body to close off those balconies to large gatherings would be welcome.

We thank you for your commitment to Isla Vista,

Pegeen and Jon Soutar  
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**From:** Hilary Bernstein <bernstein.hilary@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, January 12, 2026 9:21 AM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** comment on noise ordinance during Deltopia

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Hello,

I am writing to express my strong support for the proposed extended noise ordinance during Deltopia weekend in IV. I live with my family right next to IV, and we have been significantly inconvenienced by Deltopia/Floatopia/Halloween weekends and parties for the last 20 years. While I am not against students having fun in their own rented homes, the possibility for holding long, loud parties draws young people from all over, making these weekends unpleasant and unmanageable. It is not just the music, but the screaming, car alarms, and even violence that regularly occur. Deltopia is particularly frustrating to my family, because it means that "our" beach (Coal Oil Point beach) is closed for the entire weekend for safety reasons, which we resent.

Prohibiting very loud parties is a first step to taking IV off of the map for this dangerous party culture.

Sincerely yours,  
Hilary Bernstein  
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**From:** ann sanders <ann@annsanders.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, January 12, 2026 9:26 AM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Deltopia Noise Ordinance

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Dear Supervisors,

We are strongly in favor of any measures that will subdue Deltopia, and the proposed ordinance is a hopeful measure.

A huge cost to taxpayers, not having emergency responders available anywhere else in Santa Barbara County, sexual assaults, arrests, overwhelmed hospitals - it would be insanity to allow this to continue.

Please vote in favor of the ordinance.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Ann Sanders and Gerry Winant  
Isla Vista, CA

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**From:** Juan Campo <jcampo01@icloud.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, January 12, 2026 11:32 AM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Deltopia Amendment

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

I strongly support amendment of the ordinance governing outdoor music and noisome party activities during the Deltopia weekend. It will ensure the safety of students and the wider community, plus free public service personnel (police, fire, EMT, medical personnel) to continue to serve the wider public more effectively. In addition, the increased expenses of this event seriously impact public funds in a time of fiscal hardship for many. Expanding the outdoor music ban hours and including The Cove in the ordinance is the right thing to do.

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**From:** Janet Stich <janetstich@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, January 12, 2026 11:59 AM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** BOS 1/13/26 Agenda Item 25-01034  
**Attachments:** Deltopia Ordinance SBC.pdf

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Good Morning,

Please forward this letter to the Board of Supervisors. It is in regard to changing the County Code relating to Outdoor Festivals and Public Nuisance, specifically as regards Deltopia. I believe it is Agenda Item 25-01034

Thank you so much,  
Janet Stich  
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Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors  
105 W. Anapamu Street  
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January 12, 2026

Dear Board of Supervisors,

We **support** the proposed amendments to the County Code on Outdoor Festivals and Public Nuisances, particularly as it relates to Deltopia.

I could write paragraphs, but instead will keep it very simple, and that is:

**No party is worth anyone sustaining a life-altering or life-ending event.** The percentages of this happening on Deltopia Saturday have risen beyond what can be considered acceptable.

As you know, it far, far, far exceeds any other party on any other week-end in IV.

Please refer to the hospital ER records to corroborate.

**No party is worth the resources the County puts into enforcement.** The dollar amounts alone should be a big red flag about this event.

Partying is part of IV life and that is fine. Deltopia, as you know, is a whole different thing.

Most sincerely,

Rick and Janet Stich

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**From:** Ian Stewart <ian.network23@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, January 12, 2026 4:09 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Cc:** Eleanor Gartner  
**Subject:** BOS Meeting 1/13 - public comments

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## **PUBLIC COMMENTS 1/13 BOARD MEETING**

Dear Board of Supervisors,

We are long term residents and homeowners in Isla Vista and have been following and participating in the discussions around **Deltopia** and the noise ordinance proposal submitted by Lieutenant Schmidt.

While we are not against the local students having fun, the facts around this unsanctioned event are very clear:

- Deltopia brings 30,000+ people into the community
- This drains resources that are needed elsewhere
- It uses taxpayer money that should be used elsewhere
- Based on the stats, it puts student lives at great risk

We are in full support of the plan proposed by Lt. Schmidt, and see this as an important and needed step in the process until the right stakeholders step up to hold a sanctioned event.

We look forward to hearing the outcome of your Board meeting, and we are putting our trust in the BOS that public safety will truly be the driving force behind a decision to support the ordinance.

Yours sincerely,

Ian and Erin Stewart, Luke and Ando



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**From:** spots\_maggots.3v@icloud.com  
**Sent:** Monday, January 12, 2026 4:25 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Public comment for agenda item 25-01034

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Hello,

I would like to submit a public comment for agenda item: 25-01034

“Dear Board Of Supervisors,

Thank you for taking the time to listen to the long-term residents of Isla Vista and the surrounding areas. As a resident who had the opportunity to stay in Goleta after graduating from UCSB in 2019, I understand the concerns from both long-term residents and short-term/transient residents, or more known as the student population. When I was an incoming UCSB student in 2014, Isla Vista faced one of the most tragic events to have happened, the Elliott Rodger shootings. This event, along with the Halloween riots in 2014, changed how we would experience student life in the next 4+ years. It was uncomfortable at first having to acknowledge the increase in police presence; however, to see a community coming forward to do what they can to make sure an event of that atrocity would never happen again was comforting. It was understood that Isla Vista is a unique community that needed to be preserved, protected, and kept out of reach by out-of-town visitors and residents. So for the next several years, local leaders, students, and the university made an effort to work towards a safer environment for the student population.

If you were to walk along Del Playa Drive or Sabado Tarde on a Friday or Saturday night today, you would not believe the same town faced such tragedy years ago. The lack of care for Isla Vista is demonstrated by the student population's constant failure to follow local laws, such as parking violations and open invites to parties that litter public spaces, and by elected leaders and university administration staff who fail to recognize Isla Vista as a place worth governing and providing innovative solutions for. I hope that you all consider passing this ordinance with intentions to collaborate and put pressure on the UCSB administration to work towards a sanctioned event for the UCSB students. The long-term residents, local health care and emergency services infrastructure, and everyone else who is affected by the Deltopia events would appreciate the effort and representation on this matter. Thank you for your consideration and ongoing support.”

Thank you so much!