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To: sbcob
Subject: Protect San Rafael Mountains

Hello,

I am an environmental studies professor at Antioch University Santa Barbara. I am writing to urge you to deny the project to subdivide and develop the San Rafael Mountain farmland area called Rancho La Laguna. This is an amazing area of hills and canyons and oak forests with incredible species diversity. Our wildlife is getting squeezed out of their normal habitat ranges and I cannot support continued development and human population growth in this area. We must preserve what we have left in our Santa Ynez Valley. We have seen more human-wildlife conflicts in the last years and it will only increase with more development. We must stop now. Develop and beautify the downtown areas of Santa Barbara and Goleta and the spaces that are dilapidated and need renovation. I implore you to deny this development project and protect the landscape for wildlife and local agriculture.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Dawn A. Murray

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