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County Planning Commission Action Letter

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County of Santa Barbara Planning and Development

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May 28, 2014

TO THE HONORABLE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA, CALIFORNIA

PLANNING COMMISSION
HEARING OF MAY 28, 2014

RE: 2015-2013 Housing Element Update Workshop; 14GPA-00000-00008

Hearing on the request of the Planning and Development Department (P&D) that the County Planning Commission provide comments to the Board of Supervisors on key issues and proposed programs as part of the initial steps to update the Housing Element of the County's Comprehensive Plan.

Dear Honorable Members of the Board of Supervisors:

At the Planning Commission hearing of May 28, 2014, Commissioner Blough moved, seconded by Commissioner Brown and carried by a vote of 5 to 0 to:

1. Receive and review this staff report, which includes an introduction, a summary of key issues, and a summary of key proposed programs for the 2015-2023 Housing Element.
2. Provide the following comments to the Board of Supervisors on key issues and proposed programs before staff completes and submits the draft 2015-2023 Housing Element to the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) for preliminary review pursuant to Government Code sections 65580 to 65589.8.
 1. Expand Proposal #9 to include multi-level care senior housing facilities (e.g., independent living, assisted living, skilled nursing) that are not clearly allowed under existing residential zones.
 2. Consider adding a policy or other provision to encourage employee housing for institutions, schools, and other large employers.
 3. Ensure that any reductions in open space, parking, or other standards only apply to projects that provide affordable, senior, or special needs housing.
 4. Apply mechanisms that ensure any changes to open space standards balance existing and proposed uses and otherwise complement the neighborhood context.
 5. Consider reducing the Development Impact Mitigation Fees (DIMF) for residential second units..... ♦

Sincerely,

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Dianne M. Black
Secretary Planning Commission

cc: Case File: 14GPA-00000-00008
Planning Commission File
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