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9 December 2010

County of Santa Barbara  
Board of Supervisors  
105 East Anapamu Street  
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

Subject: California Coastal Commission Staff Recommended Modifications to  
County Land Use and Development Code

Chair Wolf and Supervisors,

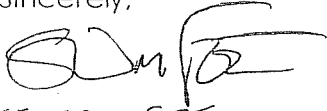
I am writing again in regard to the California Coastal Commission (CCC) staff's recommended modifications to the Santa Barbara County Land Use and Development Code (LUDC). I appreciated your November 15, 2010 letter to the California Coastal Commission and your testimony at their November 18, 2010 hearing. I want to express my support for your continued efforts toward retaining local control over land use policy decisions in our community. Please understand that a majority of our community supports your stance against the controversial modifications. I ask that you continue to support your constituents and reject the Coastal Commission's certification of the Land Use and Development Code that includes the proposed modifications that are so troubling to the local community.

I specifically remain very concerned about proposed Modification #21 which deals with blufftop staircases and I continue to urge you to reject outright the CCC's revisionist changes. I also remain concerned about the proposed agricultural related modifications #9 and #10 that would increase permit and hearing requirements to expand agriculture, keep animals, and provide housing. The costs associated with these modifications will have a negative impact on agricultural operations and on the viability of agriculture throughout the Coastal Zone in Santa Barbara County.

I do not believe that it is necessary to accept the proposed modifications and I hope that you as our County of Santa Barbara representatives will not back down. I believe we can find an acceptable resolution to this matter through a combination of open dialogue, reasoning, and negotiation with members of the Coastal Commission.

I appreciate your consideration of our comments, your representation of the local community, and the continued efforts of County staff on this important matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S.M. Fort', with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

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