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Ramirez, Angelica

Public Comment - Applicant

Support Letters

**From:** Ramirez, Angelica  
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Good morning,

Please upload the attached Public Comment letters to the May 17, 2022 BOS Meeting - Departmental Item No.6- Lacerte Appeal/BMO, LLCA Accessory Dwelling Unit.

Thanks!

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## Villalobos, David

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**From:** Nora McNeely Hurley <nmchurley@gmail.com>  
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To Whom it may concern, including David Villalo and Willow Brown,

My husband Michael and I reside at 2350 Finney Street in Summerland, California and would like to respectfully add our comments to be considered at the time of your planning department meeting concerning the addition proposed by the Mecays, owners of a residence adjoining our shared private road. When we bought our Finney Street house and moved from our Montecito home of 21 years to Summerland the Mecays were the first to welcome us warmly to the neighborhood which we found to be made up of people who look out for and care about each other, the majority being long time residents. We feel that Finney Street is a special place due to it's beautiful natural setting, charming homes and wonderful people. We have had the pleasure of getting to know the Mecay family and can attest to their commitment to bringing out the best in Summerland as far as safety, sound planning, beauty and aesthetics are concerned. They have a history of improving communal areas around our neighborhood at their own expense.

We have been actively engaged with Bob and Suzie and a handful of other neighbors in an organized neighborhood task force joining efforts by the city, RR and other local governing agencies to maximize the positive elements of the current Wallace Avenue, Lookout Park and Finney Street mitigation work, hoping to ensure into the future our neighborhood's safety and aesthetics, creating areas which are as naturally attractive as possible for the utilization and enjoyment of everyone, all residents and visitors of Santa Barbara and Summerland. We vouch for the Mecay's high level of understanding of the area and their appreciation for the understated, casual coastal charm of Summerland. Suzie serves on the Summerland Beautiful committee. "Cleaning up", beautifying and increasing safety on the expanses of Finney Street and neighborhoods on both sides of the freeway have been priorities of the group.

The Mecays enjoy a vibrant family life having raised wonderful children who are raising young families of their own. Family means everything to them and their intimately spaced cottage which they all treasure is spatially limited. When one visits their lovely jewel box of a home it appears the Mecay's have magical powers as they have tastefully made best use of space as the perimeters of their property are clearly confining. Every home on our street features multiple levels with the exception of the Mecay's. We have seen the proposed plans, discussed and considered them in detail and feel that the addition will be appropriate to the scale of their present cottage, preserving and honoring the feel and charm of the history-rich place while adding much needed space for their growing family.

The Mecays have been attentive, responsive, inclusive and transparent neighbors and we are grateful to them for the positive impact they make in our community. Our philanthropic family foundation supports environmental causes. Cleaning up Summerland beach and the ocean have been focuses of our work. We are enjoying progress in permanently addressing toxic leaks coming from century old legacy oil Wells improperly abandoned off our shores. We have worked closely with State Lands and Heal the Ocean to accomplish our shared goals. The Mecays graciously allowed Plank Industries to fly drones from the "home base" of their property to assist the work which ultimately provided evidence of man made leaks and arial mappings of the offending wells which ultimately secured seven million dollars in state funding to permanently seal the wells. Point being, the Mecays are invested in cleaning up and accentuating the positives of Summerland for all to enjoy.

The modest addition they propose will not block views, will enhance sought after privacy between themselves and neighbors, add to the intrinsic value of their family life while improving the property values of our street. I have worked as a long time SB interior decorator/ retailer founder/co-owner of Rooms and Gardens and La Vie Bohème and believe

that Suzie Mecay is one of the most talented designers I have had the pleasure to know, who's work I admire and who's tasteful and pretty environments I have had the delight to spend time in. The addition will be appropriately scaled, attractive and charming as can be.

Thank you for your time and consideration in relation to our comments.

All the Best, Respectfully Yours,  
Nora McNeely Hurley and Michael Hurley

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Sharon and Rod Berle type to enter text  
2335 Finney St., Summerland 93067

We have been neighbors of the Mecays for over 25 years. During that time we have found them to be exemplary neighbors, always beautifying their home and the neighborhood. They are always aware of good design. They are quiet, lovely, friendly people. Many of our friends have rented the Mecays property when they went to Minnesota. They too found the Mecays to be very easy to work with. We have seen what the small addition will look like and find it quite pleasing. Sincerely, Sharon and Rod Berle