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Attention: Michael Allen --- allen@co.santa-barbara.ca.us

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Joni Gray, Chair Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors

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RE: 2011/2012 Annual Work Program -Long Range Planning - Potential

**New Projects** 

Dear Ms. Gray and Members of the Board:

The Lompoc Uplands Planning Area, including Mission Hills, Mesa Oaks, and Vandenberg Village, has had NO Comprehensive Plan Update for 30 years. Residents in this area have NO Community Plan.

The Citizen's Planning Association applauds the Planning Commission's recommendation to move the Lompoc Uplands Area to Short-term Priority in the Long Range Planning Budget.

We request the Board of Supervisors begin the County Planning Process for residents of the rural Lompoc Uplands. Annexations and piecemeal development adversely affect these communities because of failure to consider the cumulative impacts - e.g. traffic and water. There are still large projects, already approved, waiting to be built. Only the vast number of repossessed and empty homes in the Lompoc area, plus a sagging economy, have caused a building slow-down.

A primary goal of CPA is to protect the unmatched assets of Santa Barbara County from urban sprawl and leap frog development. This good planning ethic can also help reduce urban decay and enhance the economic security for our cities and towns.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

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