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Thank you,
Kevin Snow

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RE: Designating Rocky Nook Park a County Historic Landmark.

Dear Santa Barbara County Supervisors Chair Joan Hartman, 3rd District; Vice Chair, Das Williams, 1st District; Laura Capps, 2nd District; Bob Nelson, 4th District; and Steve Lavagnino, 5th District,

As member of Mission Canyon Association and long-time resident in the Canyon, I urge you to vote in favor of making Rocky Nook Park a County Historic Landmark.

Pursuant to numerous Goals, Policies, and Actions set forth in the 2014 Mission Canyon Community Plan, Rocky Nook Park clearly qualifies for County Landmark status. see page 117-118, *Preserve and protect historically significant landscapes, County Places of Historic Merit, County Historic Landmarks, and other cultural, archaeological, and historical resources of Mission Canyon*; also page 124, *Protect the visual and aesthetic value of gateway roads, stone walls, and other scenic portions of the Plan Area roadways*.

Rocky Nook Park is a public space whose landscape exemplifies the various stages of Mission Canyon development from geologic times to the present.

- Ancient Pleistocene era debris flow and boulder field
- Established Chumash archaeological sites
- Water source for the Presidio (1782) and Mission (1786-1820)
- Oak woodland and riparian habitat for construction material and agriculture
- Stone retaining walls and historical integrity
- Long identification with significant historical persons
- Over a century refuge and place for community to gather

Mission Creek still runs wild and free when it rains. The oak woodland, riparian habitat, boulder fields and meandering dirt trails, provide a natural experience and link to Chumash times. Landmark recognition will elevate this awareness. As a County Historical Landmark, Rocky Nook Park may also serve as a starting point for the City's Mission Historical Park. *Cultural memory is easily lost*. This ecologically intact oak woodland and riparian creek habitat, along with archeological sites and historical features, deserves to be celebrated and protected.

Sincerely,
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