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Dear Staff: Please find attached a comment letter for the Modoc issue at Tuesday's BOS meeting. Could you please let me know that you received it and were able to share it with the supervisors. Thank you. Marell Brooks, President, CPA



Citizens Planning Association

916 Anacapa Street

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October 29, 2022

TO: Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors

RE: Modoc Road Multi-Use trail Phase II Environmental Study

Dear Supervisors:

Citizens Planning Association has been following this project for several months. Our board agrees with many stakeholders that the process has been both confusing and not adequately transparent.

CPA urges the supervisors not to take a position on this project at this time and direct staff to re-engage with the public and especially the Land Trust of SB County. The letters from the representatives of the Land Trust and La Cumbre Mutual Water Company make it clear that the County has not engaged with those agencies in a transparent manner.

The County and your Board must respect the intent and spirit as well as the language in the agreements conserving this land and the environmental resources it contains.

Our County boasts of many properties that are protected by conservation agreements. To undermine this one, and threaten even worse environmental damage if the Land Trust and the La Cumbre Water do not concede to the County's demands, would set a troubling precedent contrary to good governance and to the values your Board has previously demonstrated.

CPA agrees with many residents that the existing trees should be given heritage status and everything should be done to avoid their removal.

CPA supports the need for safe routes for pedestrians and bicyclists but this should not be prioritized over the conservation of a neighborhood open space, especially one that legally is under a conservation easement held by the Land Trust.

Marell Brooks, President. Citizens Planning Association