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The Honorable Das Williams
The Honorable Laura Capps
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The Honorable Bob Nelson
The Honorable Steve Lavagnino
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Re: Housing Rezoning

Dear Board Members:

I am a founding partner of Allen Matkins and I now happily reside in the County of Santa Barbara. As a resident of the County, I write to congratulate you for taking action to address the housing challenges in our community in a productive and timely manner. Not every community has undertaken such a professional and thoughtful approach.

I will be brief. I have reviewed the various housing proposals before you and, while many deserve inclusion in your immediate rezoning program, I believe that the Caird proposal is most attractive. It will transform real property that is no longer viable for its current greenhouse nursery use into much needed housing. While we need both for sale and rental housing in the County, there has recently been developed significant rental housing as compared to newly-constructed for sale housing. Moreover, the Caird property is perfectly located for housing because it is positioned in the center of jobs, shopping and schools.

I greatly appreciate that the planned housing project for the Caird property will not only provide significant for sale, single and multi-family homes, it will provide them at various pricing levels allowing local employees to step into homes they can afford and own. I strongly encourage you to include in your rezoning plans the conversion of the Caird property into its proposed residential uses.

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Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,

Michael L. Matkins

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