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**Sent:** Friday, June 16, 2017 3:00 PM  
**To:** Wolf, Janet; Hartmann, Joan; Adam, Peter; Lavagnino, Steve; Williams, Das; sbcob  
**Subject:** Public Comment from Families ACT! re Zoning Ordinance  
**Attachments:** Letter to BOS re Zoning Ordinance.docx

Please accept our attached Letter.

Thanks!

Suzanne

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**Stop the Revolving Door! Beds Not Cells!**

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Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors  
105 East Anapamu Street  
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

RE: Proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendment to Facilitate Transitional and Supportive Housing

Honorable Supervisors,

We at Families ACT! support the proposed amendments to the Santa Barbara County zoning ordinances in order to clarify the definition of "Transitional and Supportive Housing" and specify that this type of housing will not be treated differently from other kinds of housing in residential zones.

We support the County's efforts to simplify the approval process for transitional and supportive housing to meet their needs.

No special permits or permit restrictions should be required for sponsors who want to expand the stock of existing transitional and supportive housing.

The shortage of housing in Santa Barbara County for persons with permanent disabilities has reached a critical level. Our family members who suffer from mental health disorders, chronic illness or dementia deserve to have a roof over their head! If they don't, we all suffer the consequences! Our community has suffered terribly because of the lack of this type of housing. Every resident and every visitor to our county is affected by the growing crisis generated by this failure to meet the needs of our own community members. Let us not allow once beautiful Santa Barbara to become known for this failure!

Thanks you so much for your attention to this matter,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rod Pearson".

Rod Pearson, President  
Families ACT! Board of Directors