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Katherine Douglas

Public Comment

From: Elias Nepa <eliasnepa@ucsb.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2026 9:42 AM
To: sbcob
Subject: Re: public comment 06/16/26

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On Tue, Jun 16, 2026 at 9:13 AM Elias Nepa <eliasnepa@ucsb.edu> wrote:

Restoring equitable zoning practices: distribution of commercial zoning in district 4 is problematic. There should be libraries where there are gas stations. What can the county do?

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From: Elias Nepa <eliasnepa@ucsb.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2026 1:04 PM
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Hi Katherine,

Adding my comment here in case,

Elias Nepa
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My name is Elias Nepa and I work for the University of California, Santa Barbara. I grew up in Watsonville, closer to farms where strawberries and cattle were raised. Where families would form structures of protection for their children with tenacity, a form of protection I grew up n. When that farm was gone, the structural changes at the economic level and the human level were felt in the kids network. The environment here, how it is shaped by zoning and parcel regulations both commercial/residential and what not relate my comment to Agenda Item 3.

I grew concerned about commercial and residential/parcel zoning. When I noticed land be distributed towards a large corporation with a set of contracts and negotiations likely at the level of zoning and redistricting prior to the County level built within the past 5-7 years, it reminded me of how some private families may be served by the county above the general citizenry. It reminded me of the complex negotiations at the city, regional, and county level in Santa Cruz County, Monterey County, and Santa Clara County around which family matters were eliminated from politics.

While property tax and county level revenue provide stability, it is well known that the public environment benefits most, and the county benefits most from an even-handed united revenue structure around a co-regulated benefit between the public, industry, and neighborhood cohesion. It ought to be that way.

This leads me to my final point. Importantly, the human environment and the relationships that constitute it prevent children from growing up around those who might utilize particular positions to manipulate the environment towards political ends, which, if national intelligence proves it to be true, would lead to immediate and terminal recall and delegitimization.

Children don't like sensing some thing foreign entering their environment, whether through pollution or something more public like a gas station where there should be a library on Clark Avenue. For that reason, I feel as though my comment and the structure I'm highlighting here before you, rises, upstream with severe prejudice, to the level of public safety, perhaps with an eye toward recall and, at least on the note of public safety a reprioritization of roles.

On Tue, Jun 16, 2026 at 9:57 AM Elias Nepa <eliasnepa@ucsb.edu> wrote:
No problem! Thank you very much. I'm on zoom!

On Tue, Jun 16, 2026 at 9:55 AM Katherine Douglas <kdoug@countyofsb.org> wrote:

Okay, my apologies. I get anxious. Thank you so much 😊

Respectuflly,

Katherine Douglas

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Yes please for Departmental Item #3!

On Tue, Jun 16, 2026 at 9:53 AM Katherine Douglas <kdoug@countyofsb.org> wrote:

Sorry, that was a yes please for Departmental Item NO. 3? Or is this County Budget related?

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Yes, please!

Kind regards,

Elias

On Tue, Jun 16, 2026 at 9:47 AM Katherine Douglas <kdoug@countyofsb.org> wrote:

Hello,

I had assumed this was for Departmental Item No. 2 and specifically for **Functional Group | Community Resources & Public Facilities**. I am happy to pass it out as Departmental Item No. 3 though if you are sure?

Respectfully,

Katherine Douglas

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