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Dear Honorable Board of Supervisors,

Please see attached letter.

Respectfully,
Luz Garcia, PLS
2023 CLSA -Central Coast Chapter President



CENTRAL COAST CHAPTER
CALIFORNIA LAND SURVEYORS ASSOCIATION

May 29, 2023

Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors
Mr. Dan Williams, Chair, First District
105 East Anapamu Street, Suite 407
Santa Barbara CA 93101

Dear Honorable Board of Supervisors:

SUBJECT: ORDINANCE AMENDING THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT SUBDIVISION MAP AND DOCUMENT REVIEW FEE SCHEDULE-SURVEYOR DIVISION

The Central Coast Chapter (CCC) of the California Land Surveyors Association (CLSA) would like you to consider the following issues before the first hearing, scheduled for the Board of Supervisors meeting on June 6, 2023. These items concern the no-cap, cost recovery measures for checking Records of Survey (RS) maps, prepared by Professional Land Surveyors lying within the City incorporated limits in Santa Barbara County.

- The Professional Land Surveyors' Act (PLSA), Public Resource Code 8766 & 8766.5, affords the County Surveyor the sole responsibility for RS examination. There is neither an incorporated/unincorporated provision nor any reason for an incorporated city to contribute to the County Surveyor's examination costs. **Cities have no statutory or actual need to participate in the costs:** the costs are borne by taxpayers and citizens and are subsidized because they are a public benefit.
- While the proposed examination fees are levied at the time of submittal of an RS map by a Professional Land Surveyor, these fees are ultimately levied on the persons for whom the surveys are conducted, that is, the public: citizens, residents, landowners, and taxpayers in Santa Barbara County. It is the public being charged, not the land surveyor community. The subsidy of the RS examination process benefits the public, not individual cities. Incorporated cities should not be burdened with any extra RS checking fees.
- It is entirely possible that the cost recovery measures for RS checking fees charged by the County Surveyor's Office could exceed the cost of surveys by a Professional Surveyor.

Our Chapter would like to go on record as firmly against the implementation of the exorbitant proposed examination fee structure. We recommend the Board decrease their incorporated City's examination fees to match the unincorporated areas of the County's fee. Should you, the Supervisors for Santa Barbara County, need further information, we would be pleased to assist.

On behalf of the Central Coast Chapter of CLSA,

Luz Garcia, PLS
2023 President, Central Coast Chapter