

Brianda Negrete

From: Brogan Donahoe (chisels06.slower@icloud.com) Sent You a Personal Message
<kwautomail@phone2action.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 11, 2022 2:00 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Support fossil-free new buildings for Santa Barbara County!
Categories: Public Comment

Caution: This email originated from a source outside of the County of Santa Barbara. Do not click links or open attachments unless you verify the sender and know the content is safe.

Dear County of Santa Barbara,

I support taking climate action and making new buildings sustainable and carbon-free!

New all-electric buildings will improve people's health by reducing toxic air pollution; combat climate change by reducing greenhouse gas emissions; and improve housing affordability by saving construction costs and lowering utility bills.

A study for the LA Dept of Water and Power finds that "all-electric new construction results in savings of \$130-\$540 per year relative to a gas-fueled home over the life of the equipment."

All-electric buildings are less expensive to build and less expensive and healthier to live in.

Thank you for maintaining Santa Barbara County's environmental leadership.

Sincerely,

Brogan Donahoe
476 Paseo Del Descanso
Santa Barbara, CA 93105
chisels06.slower@icloud.com
(805) 779-1238

This message was sent by KnowWho, as a service provider, on behalf of an individual associated with Sierra Club. If you need more information, please contact Lillian Miller at Sierra Club at core.help@sierraclub.org or (415) 977-5500.

October 7, 2022



Reed Radke
349 Hillsboro Way
Goleta, CA 93117

RECEIVED

2022 OCT 13 A 9:38

COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA
CLERK OF THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors
C/O Clerk of the Board
105 E Anapamu Street, Suite 407
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

Honorable Board members and County staff that it may concern,

I am reporting a disturbing pattern of behavior of an employee of the Sheriff's department, in the Goleta parking department, Officer Crabtree. I sent a detailed letter, attached, describing the situation to the Sheriff's office as is appropriate. This follows my formal complaint in contact and interaction with Officer Crabtree's immediate supervisor, Sgt. Remis. There appears to be both a willingness and eagerness to use parking enforcement for unreasonable and abusive purposes.

Given our communities already over-burdened parking situation, ticketing a car properly parked on the side of the road, not obstructing or in any way influencing the flow of traffic or other parked cars, should not be the priority of parking enforcement.

Nor should ticketing a car parked in a driveway likewise not obstructing or interfering with anyone (on Feb. 2, Officer Crabtree ticketed a car parked legally on the driveway at our home). We now have three instances in 2022 of Officer Crabtree taking his duty to enforce parking to instead looking for obscure and irrelevant citations to issue like candy on Halloween. There was literally no public interest served or proper law enforcement aim met with these citations.

I will also note that I took it upon myself to see if any other cars with actual parking issues were ticketed and found more than few the same time, but none were cited. It seems Officer Crabtree only enforces parking citations selectively, as it suits him but not his duties.

In this era of mistrust of police and law enforcement in general, people acting as officers act as representatives of justice and the civil order. How do the actions of Officer Crabtree represent these with his actions vis-à-vis his abusive and malicious enforcement to me and my family? How are we to view law enforcement, having been home owners and residents of the county since 1996?

As leaders and elected representatives of the County of Santa Barbara, I ask that you investigate and consider the behaviors and pattern of abuse apparent here, and to exercise the good from your office in this matter.

Thank you for time and attention,

Reed Radke
Citizen, voter, resident and long-time taxpayer in the County of Santa Barbara

Enclosure: letter to the Sheriff regarding this matter

October 7, 2022

Reed Radke
349 Hillsboro Way
Goleta, CA 93117
Email: reed.radke@procognis.com

Hon. Sheriff Bill Brown
1105 Santa Barbara St
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

Dear Sheriff and/or Officer(s),

I am writing you to report a disturbing episode that is part of a larger pattern of abusive parking enforcement by the Goleta branch of the Santa Barbara Sheriff's office, parking division. The specific employee of the Sheriff's dept. is officer Crabtree who generally acts as the primary (only?) parking officer for Goleta.

We previously parked two cars bumper to bumper on our driveway, giving an extra parking space on a crowded cul-de-sac already short on parking (with no parking within 100 feet of our driveway). The rear car would extend several inches into the sidewalk, just by the bumper and tail-lights, well under the 10 inch limit set forth:

VC 22500(f) Lights, mirrors, or devices that are required to be mounted upon a vehicle under this code may extend from the body of the vehicle over the sidewalk to a distance of not more than 10 inches.

We've parked in this way over 20+ years while living in our home, without any prior problems. Suddenly, without any clear purpose, a ticket was issued under this code section on February 2, 2022 physically on our property. No part of the vehicle extended into the roadway or would act as any kind of obstruction since the location is at the very end of the cul-de-sac. Due to our business schedule, we didn't have time during February to dispute this mal-enforcement but we held deep and concerning reservations.

To respond to the obvious abusive and malicious enforcement by literally ticketing a car on our driveway, we decided to park one car down the roadway in the cul-de-sac. This is unfortunate but in the face of abusive law enforcement this seemed an approach to avoid further abuse.

There was a prior incident with the officer Crabtree where he *defaced* as *derelict* a brand-new pickup, with *month-old dealer tags in the window*. The vehicle was parked on the street that morning because our asphalt driveway was being replaced with concrete.

Any person acting under official authority is duty-bound to observe the situation and confirm the facts before acting. All he need do is look at the address on the dealer sheet, glance 100 feet to the left and he would have seen men removing an old asphalt driveway. He should verify that a property truly is derelict before taking enforcement action by placing a damaging tag. I contacted the officer at the time and he claimed something to the effect "a neighbor complained" and he mechanically put the sticker without using any discretion or thought. Had we been travelling, which we often do, our vehicle could have been towed to storage with literally no reason, or "purpose" (CVC22852(b)(3)) apart from the purported maliciously false report of a neighbor or negligence or capricious action of the officer. I confronted him at the time for showing poor judgment in the matter and this may animate his present behavior.

This brings us to recent events: on September 21, 2022 the same officer Crabtree purportedly received a similar call that my 2020 Jeep Grand Cherokee was parked in the cul-de-sac as it culminates to the road. I parked the car on the first spot, literally where the curve of the round part of the roadway ends.

However, officer Crabtree wrote a ticket under VC22502(a), as in more than 18 inches from the curb. The intent purpose of this rule is to prevent vehicles from obstructing traffic where there are boulevards or other curbs not meant for parking. There were only several inches from the passenger side tires, and in no way an obstruction.

Somehow, this code section can be interpreted for abusive enforcement: it is objectively gross abuse to view parking with the passenger tires on the curb a violation. It would be one thing if it was possible that the parking arrangement is somehow a harm to anyone. In the broader Santa Barbara area, is very common to find residential parking on the passenger side. Same as in Goleta. Enforcement on cul-de-sac within another cul-de-sac as our road is, where there is little traffic, can only be seen as abusive mal-enforcement.

I didn't notice the cite until the next day, September 22, 2022 when officer Crabtree **again** returned to write another ticket. He then placed a derelict tag, **again defacing** a very new and obviously not abandoned vehicle. In pursuing the matter, I spoke to Sgt. Remis of the Goleta parking dept. who curiously claimed officer Crabtree returned the next day "because he was concerned that vehicle had not moved." No, not plausible or reasonable: this is stalking and harassment by malicious mal-enforcement. At this point, we've had three citations in 2022 for parking violations that are nothing but the most obscure, trivial and inconsequential infractions but still bode material and moral concerns for us. Since I re-parked the car early in the morning, it is unknown if officer Crabtree planned another malicious ticket on the 23rd.

I did a walkaround the two blocks nearest us in our neighborhood on the early morning hours on the 23rd and noted that there were several cars on the public streets obviously not moved in months (covered in debris), a pickup parked in front of a fire hydrant, a car parked blocking a driveway and various **real infractions**, none had citations (I have photos). But somehow officer Crabtree has time to cite our vehicles daily?

What's to stop officer Crabtree from simply burying our three vehicles for obscura of the vehicle code or mark them as derelict, to be towed away for his devious piques? Including when parking on our driveway?!

We now have a pattern: "'Course of conduct" is a pattern of conduct composed of a series of acts over a period of time' of harassment (CA Code of Civil Procedure 527.6). It is not enough to claim "a neighbor called in to complain" to justify obvious and overt malicious mal-enforcement. Misusing his authority is still harassment.

At this point, I have zero faith in the parking enforcement department's competence or faithfulness to their duties. I'm seriously considering taking legal action against the department for malicious and abusive mal-enforcement causing me actual monetary losses in the fines but also the value in my time taken to confront these abuses and the pain and suffering caused by the gross negligence and malignancy on display by officer Crabtree and by extension the parking department. I seriously doubt we're alone in this abuse and it would not be difficult to get public records on other households so abused.

Moreover, during this period of public distrust of law enforcement in general, what public purpose is served by abusively mal-interpreting Vehicle Code statute(s)? The statute in question is intended to prevent people from parking on central curbs of boulevards, not innocuous parking in neighborhoods. These abuses reflect poorly on yourself and your whole department because you are their leadership.

I take this matter very seriously and will pursue a reasonable course of action to protect me and family's right to not be callously stalked and harassed by a person purportedly acting as "law enforcement." This episode has shaken my faith in our county's law enforcement and how I view that relationship as a citizen and resident.

Sincerely,

Reed Radke

CC: SB County Board of Supervisors, Hon. Steve Bennett, 37th asm., Hon. Monique Limon 19th sen.

Brianda Negrete

From: Diane McLaughlin (diane@blossomhillranch.com) Sent You a Personal Message <kwautomail@phone2action.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 11, 2022 10:52 AM
To: sbcob
Subject: Support fossil-free new buildings for Santa Barbara County!
Categories: Public Comment

Caution: This email originated from a source outside of the County of Santa Barbara. Do not click links or open attachments unless you verify the sender and know the content is safe.

Dear County of Santa Barbara,

I support taking climate action and making new buildings sustainable and carbon-free!

New all-electric buildings will improve people's health by reducing toxic air pollution; combat climate change by reducing greenhouse gas emissions; and improve housing affordability by saving construction costs and lowering utility bills.

A study for the LA Dept of Water and Power finds that "all-electric new construction results in savings of \$130-\$540 per year relative to a gas-fueled home over the life of the equipment."

All-electric buildings are less expensive to build and less expensive and healthier to live in.

Thank you for maintaining Santa Barbara County's environmental leadership.

Sincerely,

Diane McLaughlin
15626 Francis Oaks Way
Los Gatos, CA 95032
diane@blossomhillranch.com
(408) 356-6043

This message was sent by KnowWho, as a service provider, on behalf of an individual associated with Sierra Club. If you need more information, please contact Lillian Miller at Sierra Club at core.help@sierraclub.org or (415) 977-5500.

Brianda Negrete

From: Katherine Verrue-Slater (kvslater@starstream.net) Sent You a Personal Message
<kwautomail@phone2action.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 12, 2022 2:03 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Support fossil-free new buildings for Santa Barbara County!

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Completed

Caution: This email originated from a source outside of the County of Santa Barbara. Do not click links or open attachments unless you verify the sender and know the content is safe.

Dear County of Santa Barbara,

We need to reduce our dependence on fossil fuels as soon as possible. The Fires and drought in California continue to worsen as a result of Climate Change. We must take action to reduce emissions. I am very worried about my children's health and wildlife affected by fires and drought.

I support taking climate action and making new buildings sustainable and carbon-free!

New all-electric buildings will improve people's health by reducing toxic air pollution; combat climate change by reducing greenhouse gas emissions; and improve housing affordability by saving construction costs and lowering utility bills.

A study for the LA Dept of Water and Power finds that "all-electric new construction results in savings of \$130-\$540 per year relative to a gas-fueled home over the life of the equipment."

All-electric buildings are less expensive to build and less expensive and healthier to live in.

Thank you for maintaining Santa Barbara County's environmental leadership.

Sincerely,

Katherine Verrue-Slater
3231 Outlook Drive
Rocklin, CA 95765
kvslater@starstream.net
(916) 872-3747

This message was sent by KnowWho, as a service provider, on behalf of an individual associated with Sierra Club. If you need more information, please contact Lillian Miller at Sierra Club at core.help@sierraclub.org or (415) 977-5500.

Brianda Negrete

From: Earl Frounfelter (efrounfelter@yahoo.com) Sent You a Personal Message
<kwautomail@phone2action.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 12, 2022 6:08 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Support fossil-free new buildings for Santa Barbara County!

Caution: This email originated from a source outside of the County of Santa Barbara. Do not click links or open attachments unless you verify the sender and know the content is safe.

Dear County of Santa Barbara,

I support taking climate action and making new buildings sustainable and carbon-free!

New all-electric buildings will improve people's health by reducing toxic air pollution; combat climate change by reducing greenhouse gas emissions; and improve housing affordability by saving construction costs and lowering utility bills.

A study for the LA Dept of Water and Power finds that "all-electric new construction results in savings of \$130-\$540 per year relative to a gas-fueled home over the life of the equipment."

All-electric buildings are less expensive to build and less expensive and healthier to live in.

Thank you for maintaining Santa Barbara County's environmental leadership.

Sincerely,

Earl Frounfelter
211 E CAMINO COLEGIO
SANTA MARIA, CA 93454
efrounfelter@yahoo.com
(805) 925-5769

This message was sent by KnowWho, as a service provider, on behalf of an individual associated with Sierra Club. If you need more information, please contact Lillian Miller at Sierra Club at core.help@sierraclub.org or (415) 977-5500.

Brianda Negrete

From: AJ Cho (amenoartemis@gmail.com) Sent You a Personal Message
<kwautomail@phone2action.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 12, 2022 4:09 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Support fossil-free new buildings for Santa Barbara County!

Caution: This email originated from a source outside of the County of Santa Barbara. Do not click links or open attachments unless you verify the sender and know the content is safe.

Dear County of Santa Barbara,

I support taking climate action and making new buildings sustainable and carbon-free!

New all-electric buildings will improve people's health by reducing toxic air pollution; combat climate change by reducing greenhouse gas emissions; and improve housing affordability by saving construction costs and lowering utility bills.

A study for the LA Dept of Water and Power finds that "all-electric new construction results in savings of \$130-\$540 per year relative to a gas-fueled home over the life of the equipment."

All-electric buildings are less expensive to build and less expensive and healthier to live in.

Thank you for maintaining Santa Barbara County's environmental leadership.

Sincerely,

AJ Cho
159 Santa Teresa
San Leandro, CA 94579
amenoartemis@gmail.com
(510) 213-8231

This message was sent by KnowWho, as a service provider, on behalf of an individual associated with Sierra Club. If you need more information, please contact Lillian Miller at Sierra Club at core.help@sierraclub.org or (415) 977-5500.