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Santa Barbara Board of Supervisors
c/o Clerk of the Board
105 East Anapamu Street
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

Re: Support Letter of Montecito Planning Commission
New Single Family House (Olsten Montecito Trust)
1154 Channel Drive, Santa Barbara (Case Number: 14CDH-00000-00014)

Dear Chairman Adams and Supervisors,

I write today to support the Montecito Planning Commission and to inform your Board of the communication and reaction the new house project at 1154 Channel Drive has received from the general public. For the past two years, I was the residential tenant residing at the home located at 1154 Channel Drive, Montecito. During this entire time, the applicants for the above project were my landlords.

I lived at the property during the entire planning process and was witness to the larger Montecito community as they walked, ran, biked and drove by and saw the various story poles for the various versions of the project. I was in a unique position to have the public tell me their opinions openly and freely after they learned I was not the property owner. The public very much wanted to share their opinions.

Many times while the story poles were up, strangers would enter the property and knock on my front door to discuss the project. 100% of the time the comments were negative. 100% of the time the specific language used described how big it looked and how visible the project would be from Channel Drive. I received many letters of complaint, some anonymous and some signed, in my mailbox. I was also confronted by various people while leaving the property who wanted to ask why the house was going to be so big and asking if "I" (the owners) would consider changes. All of this feedback I shared with the owners and their agents. They have known through out the process that the majority of the community and 100% of those people that contacted me did not think the project was appropriate for the property. The Montecito Planning Commission heard my testimony about this community response and they reviewed the project themselves and they came to the correct conclusion that the current project is not right for this property.

Thank you for taking the time to consider this information and for protecting the Montecito community.

Sincerely,



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