

Katherine Douglas

General Public Comment - Group 1

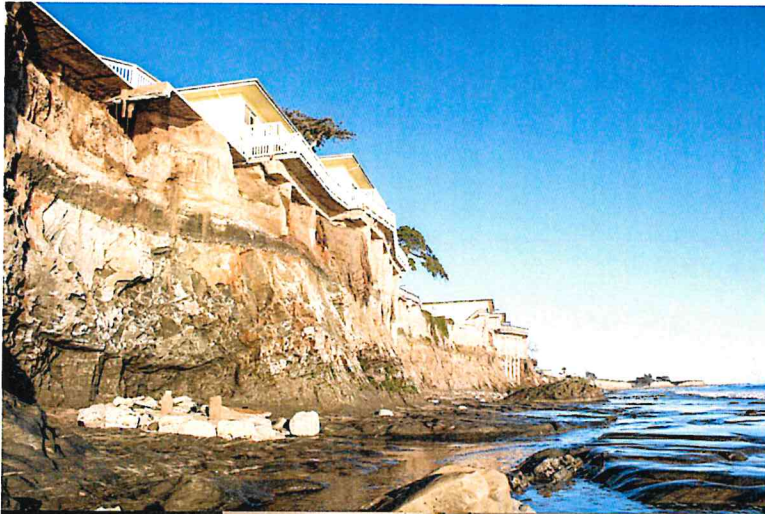


From: Abby Duclos <aduclos26@ousd.me>
Sent: Monday, September 11, 2023 1:14 PM
To: Abby Duclos
Cc: lyssatwo@yahoo.com
Subject: Benjamin Scott Schurmer Tragic Death Isla Vista Cliffs

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To Whom It May Concern,

I'm sending this letter to address something that is extremely important and needs to be immediately brought to the attention of someone who can make a change. On September 2nd, at 10:53 p.m. my beloved family friend, and the person I considered a second brother, Benjamin Scott Schurmer, died falling from the cliffs at Isla Vista. My best friend, and her three remaining siblings lost their dear brother, her parents lost their beloved son and many, many people lost a good friend.

Benny, also known to many as BenBear, would have been twenty this October. He was such a bubbly, happy guy with a very bright future ahead. Benny had just made it into a dance company and was cast in the lead role at Santa Barbara City College as a second year student. He had so much life left to live.

Unfortunately, Benny was not the first to suffer such a fate. At least eight other young adults have fallen to their deaths in the past two decades, possibly more. I can not stress enough how important it is that we do something about this public safety issue at the cliffs. They erode at a very alarming rate and I can guarantee that if nothing is done to support this cause more innocent young people will lose their lives. I believe the most efficient way to stop this problem is to set up suicide nets. They would not block the view from the cliffside and would help break people's falls, therefore saving lives. Notifying people of the hazards is fine, but it is not enough. People will still go to the cliffs, and if it turns out the ground beneath their feet gives in, no matter how careful they could be, they will fall and die. Unfortunately the people's lives taken from the very same cliffside before them will have taught us nothing.

This issue should have been solved a long time ago and now, because it wasn't, we have to bury a person very near and dear to so many hearts. Because of this, I will make it my mission to ensure that Benjamin, BenBear, is the very last one to die tragically from the cliffs of Isla Vista.

Sincerely,

Abby Duclos, Age 15, Resident of Ojai Valley

Additional signatures of support:

Alyssa Duclos
Shane Duclos
Jack Duclos
Jessica Trent
John Trent
Jocelyn Trent
Josh Dominguez
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Kathy Tilson
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Madeline Fitch
Coree Kotula
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Keri Matte
Kolbe Fink
Kirra Fink
Chelsey Fink
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Morgan Holland
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Kevin McDonald
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Junior Morales
Maple Williams
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Lily Giuliani
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From: John T <jmtrent24@gmail.com>
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To: sbcob
Subject: Public Comment: A Call for Public Safety in Isla Vista

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9.11.2023

Dear Santa Barbara County Supervisors.

I hope that you are all doing well. I want to provide a Public Comment for the August 12 meeting regarding a Public Safety issue along the Cliffs in Isla Vista.

I am a concerned citizen of the Tri-Counties, living in Ojai. As you know, we lost a beloved community member to a tragic accident on the evening of 9/2/2023.

First, thank you all for what you do. As a UCSB alumnus and former Isla Vista and Santa Barbara citizen, I appreciate your dedication to the County.

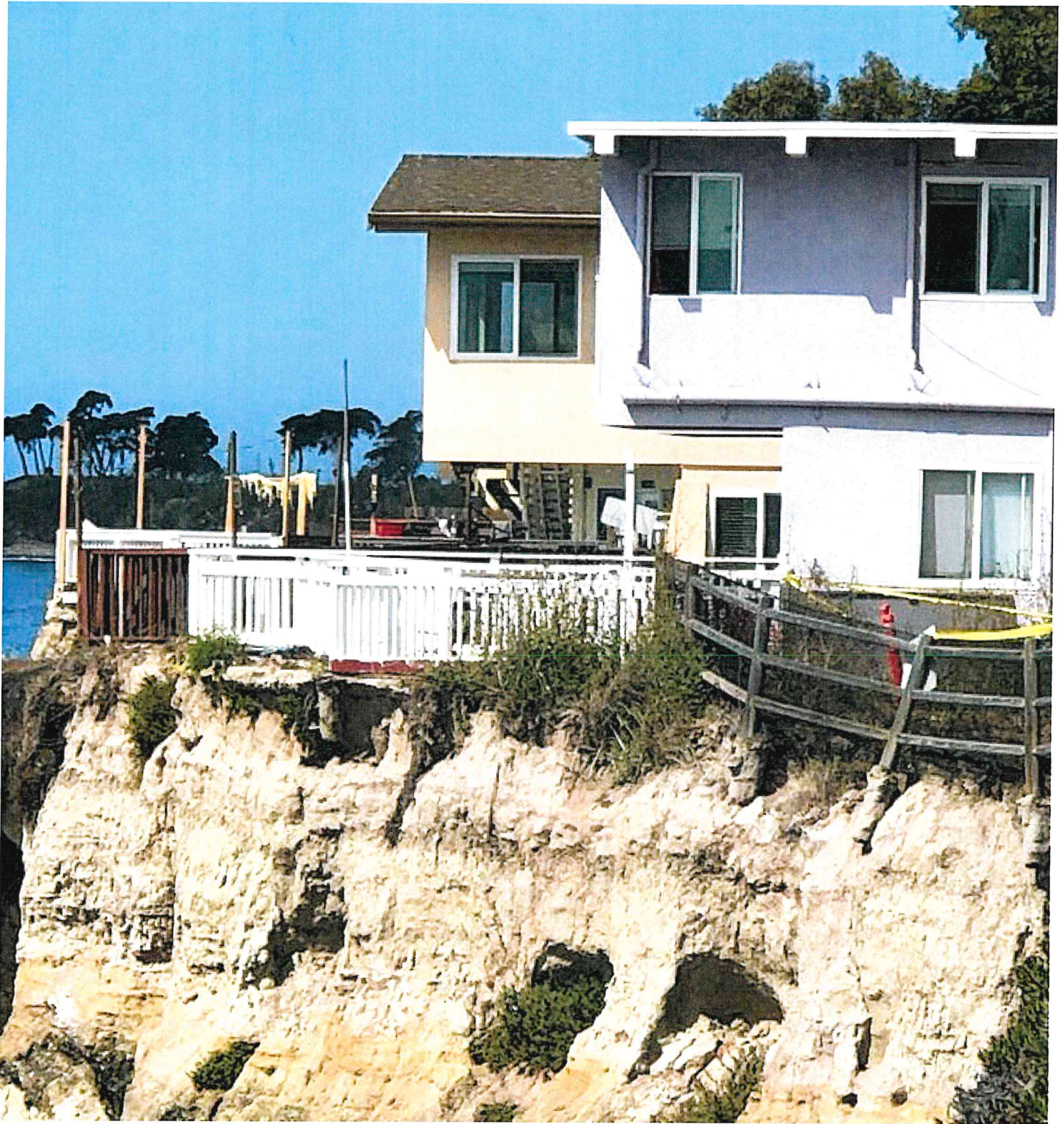
I am writing to express my deep concern for the safety and well-being of the young adults visiting and living in Isla Vista. The bluffs along Del Playa are unsafe; unless something is done, this will happen again. This is a public safety issue, and it has been ignored for far too long. According to the Isla Vista Community Services District website, since 1994, 12 young adults lost their lives to cliff accidents and many more to injury.

As a June 9, 2022 article 'Living on the cliffs edge' pointed out, following the accident of UCSB alumni Chasen Alibrando in April 2022, 'It will happen agin'. Well, it has happened again, and a call for action has been going on for over 13 years. If nothing is done, as the article mentions. It will happen again.

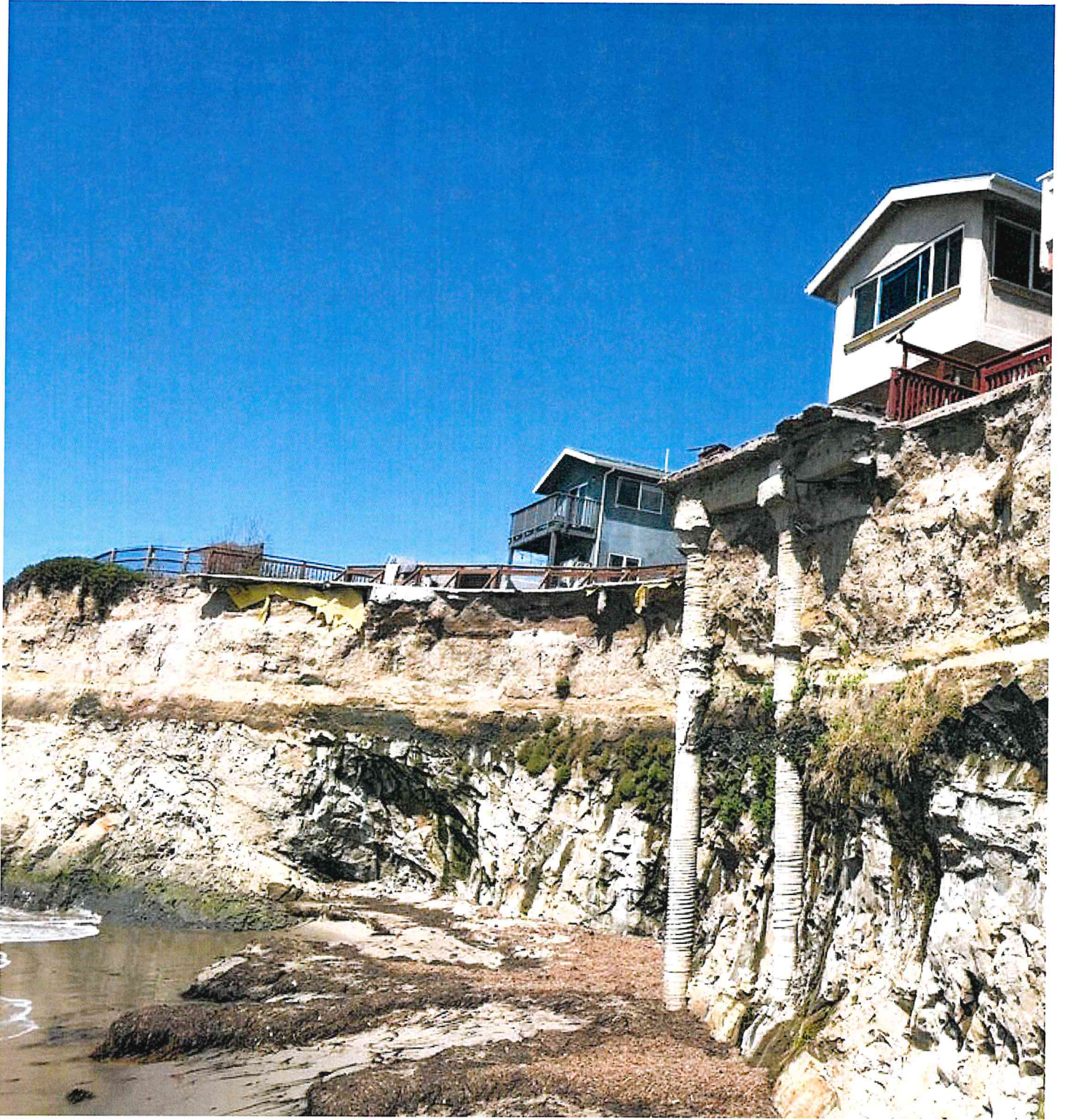


Living on the cliff's edge: UCSB students cope with constant danger
sfgate.com

Here is a current picture of the fence along Walter Capps Park, where the most recent accident occurred. The fencing along the park is falling in the ocean.



Here is another showing of the absolute degradation of the Cliffs along Del Playa, with patios and foundations being undercut. Currently, these homes are all being occupied by our young adults.



Fencing between safety and a 40-foot cliff is a maximum of 45 inches; the one next to the park is barely 39 inches.



Again, foundations and patios are literally falling in the ocean. Erosion is real. These homes are unsafe.



Fencing sits on top of a unsafe cliffs.



According to the article from June 9, 2022. *"Geological studies reveal that the Isla Vista cliffs are composed of fractured shale on the bottom and sand on top. As a result, the cliffs are about as sturdy as sand castles in a rising tide."*

I strongly believe this accident could have been avoided with higher fencing and better safety measures. As Laura mentioned in a recent interview with KEYT, 'enough is enough'.

Please put this on the agenda for a future Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors Meeting and discuss options to strengthen **Article XIV - Geologic Hazards, Section 10-14.2 Isla Vista Bluffs**.

There must be ways to work with the Coastal Commission and modify the Current Code to save lives along these cliffs..

Again, I appreciate all that you do and let me know what can be done to help spread the message.

John Trent
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From: Robert Lesser <bobbyless@aol.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 9, 2023 10:39 PM
To: Mona Miyasato
Cc: Carpinterians Concerned; SB Coalition for Responsible Cannabis; Wade Cowper; Carrillo Anna; Wondolowski Mike; sbcob; Joan Hartmann; Bob Nelson; Rigby Diana
Subject: Concerned Carpinterians' appeal of 4994 Foothill Road Cannabis Nursery -Mediedibles - (23APL-00008, 19CDP-00000-00045) / CP1, 4505 Foothill Rd.

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Dear Planning Commissioners,

When and why did the school kids at Carpinteria High become disposable? The cannabis operation Mediaedibles has greenhouses that are closer than 600 – 750 ft. from property line of Carpinteria High School.

Huh? That's in violation of federal, state, and county law.... and cannot be allowed.

It also runs right next to the Franklin Trail, making hiking for all on the trail a stinky, unpleasant experience.

The state-mandated boundary must be enforced. Moreover, Carbon Scrubbers need to be installed right away with mandatory inspections by the County to enforce that they are working and protecting the health of students and residents. As a signer to the agreement between the Coalition, CARP Growers MUST uphold their commitment to the goal of installing Regenerative Carbon Scrubbers in the cannabis operations in all the cannabis operations in Carpinteria.

The vapor phase systems are virtually useless and enforcement by the county is pretty much nil.

Needless to say, the only beneficiaries in stinking up the high school are cannabis growers and the woeful Das Williams, who has pocketed at least \$110,000 from them.

Worse is that CP1, 4505 Foothill Rd. will not be heard on 9/13/23 as Tristan Strauss, **a former president of CARP Growers and a signer to the 2021 agreement**-withdrew his application for a new Odor Abatement System. This is one of the stinkiest offenders by the high school. This is the 2nd appeal of this project that is not being heard. The city of Carpinteria wrote an 11 page letter with their concerns when the first appeal was to be heard on Oct. 7, 2020. At that time, the Coalition withdrew their appeal **because Strauss had signed off on the agreement between the Coalition and CARP Growers to install carbon scrubbers** in the greenhouses. In a word, outrageous.

This is unacceptable to school children and teens, staff, residents and the health of the community.

Sincerely,

Robert Lesser
Carpinteria