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Re: Bagdasarian/Karman Appeal of the Montecito Planning
Commission's Denial of Land Use Permit for Site Alterations,
Walls and Bridges in Environmentally Sensitive Habitat Area,
Board of Supervisors Agenda of September 6, 2011

Dear Supervisors:

The Montecito Association asks that your Board uphold the Montecito Planning Commission's action denying the Bagdasarian appeal. We strongly support the Montecito Community Plan and its policies mandating the protection of biological resources and restoration of habitat areas that have been degraded as a result of a zoning violation. The project presented to the MPC and the Board does not comply with these policies as clearly spelled out in the staff report and findings.

As our ordinances and policies only have strength if they are enforced, we ask that you deny the appeal and ask staff to proceed with enforcement actions to address this and subsequent violations. We remain ready to work with the appellant to achieve an appropriate restoration plan that is in keeping with the Montecito Community Plan.

Sincerely,

Richard Nordlund, President

cc: Julie Harris, P&D