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SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
105 EAST ANAPAMU STREET  
SANTA BARBARA, CALIFORNIA  
REGARDING: ADOPTION OF GAVIOTA COAST PLAN NOVEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup> MEETING

DEAR SUPERVISORS:

It is with great dismay that I have to write this letter. What can I say about the Gaviota Coast Plan update at this point in time?

Supervisor Farr, you started this process years ago and many members of our community out here participated in good faith, spending a good part of our lives reading material, going to meeting after meeting, creating a community plan that was a compromise, but we could all live with and protected agriculture and other resources. At the very end of the process you directed staff to come in and end the community process, and have planning and development take it over.

Staff changed the community plan and then they took it to the Planning Commission where it was changed more. In fact, under chairperson Hartmann's guidance, she gave special favors to activists groups that don't even live in the plan's area. It then went to your Board of Supervisors where it was changed even more from what the community had envisioned and developed through over a hundred public meetings and even more subcommittee meetings.

Staff then did an incomplete EIR on the proposed plan. Community members, a coalition of ranches in the planning area representing around 90 percent of the private land in the plan as this is a completely rural area which should be governed by the Agricultural Element, The Agricultural Advisory Committee, the Santa Barbara County Cattlemen's Association, the Santa Barbara County Fish and Game Commission all participated in writing scoping comments to the EIR and the EIR itself. These Committees, Commission, and individuals all participated in Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors meetings when the plan was considered. The plan continued to change and evolve away from the communities plan and all our comments were largely ignored. So much so that we don't hardly recognize our plan today.

Supervisor Farr you will sit up there and I am sure speak of the countless hours spent on this plan and state we need to pass it now before you leave office. This is a tragedy and a farce. This is not the community's plan anymore and this is the worst EIR many of us have ever seen written. The resources will not be protected and many areas of the EIR were not studied and are incomplete. This will lead to years of litigation and a waste of the public's resources.

I urge the Board to take another look at this plan, all the comments from the AAC, Cattlemen's Association, the coalition of ranchers, and other individuals living out here, many who have

provided stewardship of this land for generations, and go back to the community and their vision of their plan. It is not too late to do a good and decent job.

Thank You, Bill Giorgi