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Subject: Fwd: Coastal commission/Agrriculture items

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Regarding Coastal commission agriculture items on the upcoming agenda. Please send to Supervisors

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Subj: Coastal commission/Agrriculture items

Dear Supervisors,

I am an owner of Deigaard Nurseries in Santa Barbara on the Mesa in the Paterson avenue agriculture block. We have 32 acres on the ocean which we have farmed in the family since 1950--(one of the first Nurseries to grow on a commercial scale Palms in California). I have worked in the Nursery or run the family Nursery since 1958. I am outraged at the treatment of Ag and property ownership rights by the Coastal Commission with the continuing restrictions over the years and usurping of commercial business and property rights (value) without remuneration.

The coastal commission continues to place more stringent rules on us than those in Ag outside the coastal zone not only restricting but depreciating our property and also placing a disadvantage in competing with others in business outside the zone. **This is an unequal application of the law.** In today's difficult business climate it will lead to Ag properties going out of business.

During the years I invested hundreds of thousand to be competitive and upgrading in the Ag container business. Our soil is not good enough for food or most in-ground crops so we are limited. So is a bureaucrat or their consultant going to tell us what we may grow--- under Ag intensification? And who supplies the capital to change.

Further To tell us how big, what lot size or how many houses we can have (we have three families in the business) and who can live in them is ridiculous.

My feeling is that if we go out of business you will still want taxes to support the government planners who put us out.

Furthermore we took the time in good faith to participated in numerous advisory group meetings which turn out to be worthless as the S B Planners were covertly negotiating with Coastal Commission.

I respectfully request you decline to support this land grab. There

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are unintended consequences-- none of them good.

Respectfully,
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