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Dear Supervisors,

The AB1600 Transportation fees are at a level that is nothing less than obscene!

And, there is no proportionality between Orcutt and Goleta (see the disparate numbers below).

We believe these fees are nothing less than a tax, they are not, as they purport to be, a fee associated with the cost of providing infrastructure created by new development.

This fee schedule is an example of the county cutting off its nose in spite of its face!

The costs are so exorbitant that the county is robbing itself of new property tax and sales tax that comes with new development.

It also puts brick and mortar businesses at a disadvantage to the internet.

Finally, all the people that will frequent these businesses already pay gas tax, automobile registration fees, sales tax on their purchase some of which goes to Measure A, and then there is SB50 taxes to boot.

That means the patrons have been taxed four times to have the right to frequent the business of their choice, but we are forcing the new business to spend, in some cases, millions of dollars in traffic fees simply to open their doors?

We believe the county would end up with more money in its coffers by abandoning this fee schedule altogether.

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Sample Fees:

Fast Food w/ drive through Equals 4 Times Difference

Orcutt \$68,147 per 1,000 Sq Ft

Goleta \$284,605 per 1,000 Sq Ft

Day Care Center: Equals 0.22 times Difference

Orcutt \$3,424 per child

Goleta \$ 767 per child

24 Hour Convenience Store: Equals 4 times Difference

Orcutt \$99,547 per 1,000 sq. feet

Goleta \$420,205 per 1,000 Sq Ft

Service Station (No Mkt) Equals 3.89 times Difference

Orcutt \$30,468 per fueling pump

Goleta \$118,822 per fueling pump

Bank With Drive Through Equals 13.4 times difference

Orcutt \$51,997 per 1,000 Sq Ft

Goleta \$698,381 per 1,000 Sq Ft