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**From:** Deborah Barnes <lifesaverservices07@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 20, 2012 11:09 PM  
**To:** Deborah Barnes  
**Subject:** PLEASE READ NOW

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Dear County Board of Supervisor,

I am appalled by the lack of action being taken in the emergency situation in Lompoc regarding the loss of the shelters. It is shameful and embarrassing that this entire episode has happened and how. But to take no action and force homeless families and individuals to separate into other communities where we already suffer from lack of enough housing and shelters is unconscionable.

The facts of our terrible economy, lack of jobs in our county, and forcing these people to become victims of poor business ethics of some north county individuals is beyond my understanding. How did this happen before everyone's eyes?

We cannot ignore this crisis. We MUST save Bridgehouse! I am counting on you to help vote for immediate help. Please save this location today. My team and I are in the homeless trenches of the S. Barbara streets 5 days and evenings per week. I know the facts. I hear the situations daily. The numbers are growing. The situations are alarming. We cannot lose one bed ever.

There is time to build a longer-term strategy to help the homeless in Lompoc. Time is of the essence! People who need care in Lompoc do not have time. They need appropriate shelter, with in house showers, food and social service workers now.

Thank you for your time in reading this.

Sincerely,

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