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Dear Chair Lavagnino and members of the Board of Supervisors,

On behalf of Westmont College, I write to share our strong support for the Music Academy of the West.

We recognize how the Music Academy of the West plays an important role in serving students across the region, the state, and the globe. Westmont's Music Department equips students for the study, composition, and performance of great music within the scope of the liberal arts tradition. We have the great privilege of partnering with the Music Academy in our shared vision for transformative educational and performance experiences. Throughout the year, our orchestra and choir have the wonderful opportunity to perform in Hahn Hall, a premier venue at the Music Academy and an elegant performance space designed for a superb acoustical experience. During the summer months, Westmont houses students from around the country and world who come to Santa Barbara to train at the Music Academy's eight-week Summer School and Music Festival.

We would be grateful if you approved the Music Academy's updated Conditional Use Permit. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out. Thank you for your consideration and thank you for your committed service to the people of Santa Barbara County.

Blessings and thanks,
Gayle D. Beebe

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