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Santa Barbara Board of Supervisors  
c/o Clerk of the Board  
105 East Anapamu Street  
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

Re: Letter in Support of Montecito Planning Commission  
1154 Channel Drive, Santa Barbara, CA (APN 009-352-019)  
Case Number: 14CDH-00000-00014 (Olsten Montecito Trust)

Dear Chairman Adams and Supervisors:

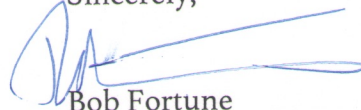
For more than 10 years, I have called Santa Barbara my home. During all this time, I have enjoyed frequent use of Butterfly Beach, Channel Drive and the surrounding areas for recreational and relaxation purposes. It is one of my favorite places in town to be. Whenever I have guests visiting from out of town, Channel Drive and the beach are a highlight to their visit and the example of the beauty and serenity of Montecito.

Because of my interest and enjoyment of the area, I paid attention to the story poles and design review process that has happened for the proposed new home at 1154 Channel Drive, Montecito. I had hoped the Architects review board would have required the project settle into property and blend with the neighborhood and was disappointed by the approval granted. Even after the Architects' approval of a project I thought was too big and too visible, I remained confident that the Planning Commission would make a better decision to protect the serenity of Channel Drive...and they did.

I am writing to voice my support of the Montecito Planning Commission decision to deny approval of the current project proposed for 1154 Channel Drive. A better project that nestles into the site and does not stick out like beacon on top of a hill is appropriate. This is not just about Montecito-it is about Santa Barbara not becoming like so many southern California seaside towns that are overbuilt and overstated.

Thank you for protecting Channel Drive. Thank you for ensuring this jewel of Santa Barbara is protected for all citizens of the County and our guests that love coming here to enjoy the beautiful place we call home.

Sincerely,



Bob Fortune

Concerned Citizen of Santa Barbara County