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Sheila de la Guerra General Public Comment

From: jane <jane@janeltanner.com>
Sent: Monday, September 11, 2023 4:43 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Isla Vista cliff danger

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Honorable Members of the Board:

The young man who died recently was a family friend. My understanding is that, much like when I was a UCSB student in the '90s, the cliff edge residences are inherently dangerous. They would be dangerous to calm, slow, sedate walkers. For the kids, they're a death trap.

I'm sure you have a plan for how to remedy this long-standing deficiency. I would like to know what the plan is and when it will be effected. The risk of loss of life is so great when compared to the cost of a roll of chicken wire running the length of the cliff edge. Do you think maybe you could put up some temporary fencing while you figure the long term plan out? Do you think there is a couple thousand dollars 8n the public safety budget for that?

Sincerely, Jane L Tanner

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From: Joe McDonald <ideafilter@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 11, 2023 8:01 PM
To: Laura Capps; sbcob; Supervisor Das Williams
Subject: Urgent request for Del Playa safety measures

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Dear Members of the Santa Barbara Board of Supervisors,

I am writing to you with concern about the current safety infrastructure in the Isla Vista area, specifically on Del Playa Drive. In the past 29 years, at least 13 young and vibrant individuals have lost their lives due to a lack of adequate safety measures on the Del Playa sea cliffs; each of these incidents is not just a statistic but represents a life full of potential that was cut short, causing immeasurable pain and loss to their families and our community. What makes these losses even more devastating is the fact that they were largely preventable had the proper precautions been in place.

It is imperative we implement solutions to prevent another tragedy from happening again. Solutions could include infrastructure such as nets, higher fencing, or even public lighting to keep the edge of the cliffs visible at night. It could mean stricter expectations that landlords on Del Playa drive to ensure the safety of their tenants with properly maintained backyards and balconies.

The deaths of these thirteen individuals has undoubtedly impacted thousands of people and continues to do so. As a community, we must respond to these losses with compassion and action.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to hearing about the steps the Board will take in this regard.

Joseph McDonald
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