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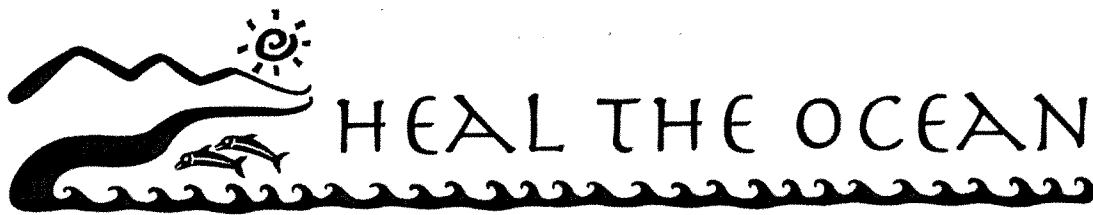
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Dear Clerk of the Board of Supervisors:  
Please distribute the attached letter for tomorrow's (5/2) meeting  
Thank you!

Hillary Hauser

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May 1, 2023

Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors  
105 E. Anapamu St, Room 407  
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

**Re: May 2, 2023 BOS Agenda Item #4: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 17 (Solid Waste Services of the Santa Barbara County Code)**

Dear Honorable Supervisors:

Heal the Ocean would like to go on record as supporting staff recommendations for the above-referenced item on your May 2, 2023 agenda – and **that the Board approve this subject for its May 9, 2023 agenda for full discussion.**

At issue is Section 17-29 of Chapter 17 (c) (1) be rewritten as recommended (Underlined section is staff-suggested redaction):

*It shall be the policy of the County of Santa Barbara that a minimum number of Collectors is not required to provide Regular Solid Waste Handling Services within the unincorporated area of the county, and the Board shall have the discretion to award Franchise agreements for all zones to one single Collector or multiple Collectors.*

The current Chapter 17 of the County Code requires a minimum of two franchised solid waste collectors in the unincorporated area. MarBorg Industries currently services Zones 1,2, and 3; Waste Management currently services Zones 4 and 5.

Heal the Ocean works closely with MarBorg Industries to address the cleanup of abandoned homeless camps and other environmental issues, where we rely on MarBorg's assistance to haul away debris and polluting items. Heal the Ocean has worked to build a seamless relationship with MarBorg in this work, which is county-wide, and we need to maintain this working relationship. Only with MarBorg can we be as effective and fast-moving as possible on this problem.

We also note that the Borgatello family is closely tied to Santa Barbara County – and considers Santa Barbara as family. They CARE – and go out of their way to help in situations that go far beyond regular trash hauling. The proposed an amended ordinance text doesn't preclude a particular hauler simply because it provides services in other zones. The County would still have maximum flexibility for other franchised services as well.

If you can't enact today, May 9, 2023 will be fine. Heal the Ocean will be there. Thank you!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Hillary Hauser'.

Hillary Hauser, Executive Director