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Good morning, please find attached a letter for the Mission Isla Vista Project appeal from Isla Vista Community Services District Board of Directors.

Spencer Brandt  
President of the Board of Directors  
Isla Vista Community Services District



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September 6, 2025

Dear Chair Capps and Board of Supervisors,

I am writing on behalf of the Isla Vista Community Services District (IVCSD) Board of Directors regarding parking safety and congestion in Isla Vista.

Isla Vista residents voted to create the IVCSD to provide enhanced public services, including parking regulation. In 2022, IVCSD, the County, and UCSB commissioned a joint Isla Vista Parking Study alongside the ongoing Isla Vista Mobility Plan, funded by the California Air Resources Board. The combined community engagement effort included 6 town hall meetings, canvassing 1,200 households with multilingual ambassadors, dozens of focus groups, 74 parker-intercept surveys, and collecting over 2,200 survey responses in English, Spanish, and Mandarin. This comprehensive approach earned the California Special Districts Association Exceptional Public Outreach and Advocacy Award for the Mobility Plan, ensuring that proposed solutions truly reflect the needs and priorities of Isla Vista's diverse community.

In November 2024, our Board of Directors adopted the Isla Vista Parking Action Plan and Community Mobility Plan. The parking plan outlines a three-phase Parking Compliance Program that includes: implementation of customer-friendly enforcement through "Parking Ambassadors" and mobile license plate readers to address safety violations; special-event permit parking, shared parking agreements with UCSB, and expanded transportation alternatives; and long-term sustainable parking management through strategic pricing and congestion management policies.

We share community members' concerns about parking non-compliance in Isla Vista, which has reached levels that are unacceptable. Isla Vistans should not have to worry about being blocked in their own driveway during an emergency, or fear that first responders will not be able to access fire hydrants during a fire because of widespread illegal parking. These conditions are getting worse, and the community is asking that we work together to solve the problem.

We are ready to get started. IVCSD has formally requested partnership and resources from the County's excess Isla Vista Redevelopment Agency parking funds, as well as a formal delegation of authority to implement on-street parking compliance on County roads. County partnership will augment the start-up funding of \$300,000 committed to the program by IVCSD's Measure R tax dollars. With these elements in place, we can begin to address the impacts that many neighbors are already experiencing today.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Spencer Brandt".

Spencer Brandt  
President of the Board of Directors