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Sent: Monday, July 14, 2008 3:16 PM
To: Board Letters; Bell, Allen
Cc: Supervisor Carbajal; Wolf, Janet; Firestone, Brooks; Gray, Joni; Centeno, Joseph
Subject: Ballantyne Project concerns



Dear Board of Supervisors,

In regards to the Ballantyne Project, as a long time SB county resident I ask that you, the Board of Supervisors uphold the plain language of important visual protection policies, in particular, site the structure to avoid skyline intrusion of any structures, including the berm, from any public viewing place. Public viewing places where the Project's structures intrude into the skyline include Farren Road, streets in the Embarcadero neighborhood, Calle Real and Highway 101.

I ask that you, the Supervisors either deny the project, or delay action while an EIR is prepared. Also the applicant redesign the project to make it compatible with the surrounding area, eliminate the berm, adjust the sitting to reduce visibility, and identify all elements of the water supply for the project.

Any project slated for our beautiful Gaviota Coast needs to be reviewed as thoroughly as possible to minimize the impact on the surrounding area.

Sincerely,

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