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To: sbcob
Subject: Golden Inn and Village - a wonderful project for the Santa Ynez Valley

To Whom it May Concern,

I wanted to thank you all for your due diligence in addressing the Golden Inn and Village in Santa Ynez. Although there seems to be a few complaints, they are by far the minority in this area. As a neighbor to this project, I can say that the design and construction is beautiful, and they took into account the dimming of the lights at dark as well.

Although this is just an independent living facility, the Rona Barrett Foundation has done a wonderful job coordinating their programs and activities for the low income seniors who live there. They have daily activities, are served meals throughout the week by a local chef, and get food delivered to them by the food bank. The community donated furniture and more to help the seniors furnish their apartments. They are in the process of adding a garden and have outdoor sitting areas and barbeques already. Low income senior housing is very limited here in the Santa Ynez Valley, and this is one of the only affordable places locally.

Even though a local neighbor has continued his fuss over the original square footage, and the light height, he is also the same neighbor that had the Housing Authority pay to put in a new fence at his personal home as well as plant trees for him. His complaint also addressed the flooding in the nearby Echo Lane, however, he fails to mention that the YMCA created their runoff there well before the Golden Inn was built. Highway 246 and Echo Lane flooded, due to their lack of drainage, yeas before the Golden Inn was built as well. The Housing Authority has already fixed the flood gate, and the city let them know that Echo Lane needs drainage, not the Golden Inn site. I understand he doesn't want change, but this project was done in great taste and consideration for the neighbors. The taller lights were a necessity due to clearance for trucks and visibility and dim to 50% by night time.

I just wanted to give my support and recognition to the County, the Housing Authority of the County of Santa Barbara, and the Rona Barrett Foundation for creating a safe and beautiful place for our local low income seniors to call home.

Sincerely,

Jillian Knight
Santa Ynez Valley Resident