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Subject: Please DENY the Patterson Avenue Holdings New Building Project

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Dear Santa Barbara County Supervisors:

Re: 16DVP-00000-00013 Patterson Ave Holdings New Building

I am writing to urge you to deny the approval of the Patterson Ave Holdings New Building project. This project's impact on traffic is unacceptable!

The Patterson/101 intersection is already severely impacted. I go through this intersection every day. At most hours of the day the intersection is very congested. At rush hour it is nearly impassable! Drivers must wait through three to four lights to get through the intersection! **If this project is approved, more cars will clog the Patterson/101 intersection, making an already unacceptable situation even worse!!**

Imagine you're exiting the 101 northbound offramp at Patterson and then turning right onto Patterson. Most drivers carefully look left for oncoming traffic as they merge onto Patterson. Now imagine that almost immediately you have to hit your brakes because another car, exiting the large proposed 6,723 square-foot office building, is trying to cross all four lanes of Patterson to access the U-turn lane at Patterson and Calle Real. That's the potential scenario the County Planning Commission approved, and that is one of the reasons I am appealing to the Board of Supervisors to deny this project. **Planning Commissioner Michael Cooney described the potential traffic impacts of this project as a "clear and present danger"!**

The northbound Patterson freeway exit is already hazardous. Drivers who are exiting and are in the far right lane often cut across all lanes of traffic to then turn left onto Calle Real. If you are exiting the freeway and are turning right from the center lane onto Patterson, odds are that someone who is turning from the far right-hand turn lane will cut you off. This has happened to me many times. Adding more traffic will increase the inevitable risky driving decisions at this location! This is not to mention the ever-increasing backups of traffic at the Patterson/Calle Real intersection, and the oftentimes gridlock there too.

Please vote to deny the Patterson Ave Holdings New Building Project!

Sincerely,

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