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Santa Barbara Board of Supervisors
Clerk of the Board
105 East Anapamu Street
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

Re: Support of Montecito Planning Commission
1154 Channel Drive, Santa Barbara, CA (APN 009-352-019)
Case Number: 14CDH-00000-00014 (Olsten Montecito Trust)

Dear Chairman Adams and Supervisors:

I was raised in Santa Barbara and have lived here in Montecito for over 30 years. I grew up spending countless hours running my dog on Butterfly Beach and Channel Drive. When guests come from out of town Butterfly Beach and surroundings are a highlight to their visit and a chance for us to show off the gorgeous landscape and serenity of Montecito. My family and guests have enjoyed the beach for playing and relaxing and we consider it an historic place for us to gather and create memories.

Since I frequent the area, I noticed the story poles set up during the review process and came to learn about the the proposed new home at 1154 Channel Drive, Montecito. It was apparent that the project was not only massive but it made no attempt to scale into the surrounding environment. It was upsetting to see the grandeur of their project and I couldn't help but feel saddened that our little town would take a turn and start looking like other southern California towns.

I am writing in support of the Montecito Planning Commission's decision to deny approval of the current project proposed for 1154 Channel Drive. It seems there are some very beautiful and tastefully executed models in Montecito that show beautiful designs. Those of us who live here and dream to stay, need your support in keeping Santa Barbara quaint and unique. The way to keep our town this way is to deny proposals like this and instead grant approval on something that fits into the mold we have upheld in the past.

Thank you for ensuring Santa Barbara is protected for my family and generations into the future who come here to visit us in the place we are so proud to call home.

Sincerely,



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