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Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors
105 E. Anapamu Street
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

Re: Olsten Montecito Trust Appeal, 1154 Channel Drive, Board of
Supervisors Hearing of July 19, 2016

Dear Supervisors:

The Montecito Association wishes to comment regarding the issue of a
Coastal Development Permit for the proposed new residence at 1154
Channel Drive.

Channel Drive is an important aesthetic and recreation resource for
Montecito residents and visitors to our community. Views of the coast and
mountains are critical to the community and are protected by the Local
Coastal Plan and the Montecito Community Plan. For these reasons, the
Montecito Association asked the MPC in May of 2015 to carefully consider
the compatibility of the size, bulk and scale of total development proposed
on this lot with that of the surrounding neighborhood.

The MPC is charged with responsibility to protect the semi-rural nature of
Montecito and to uphold the Montecito Community Plan. In fulfilling its
obligations to the community, the MPC devoted hours over multiple hearing
dates wherein it carefully reviewed the project and applicable coastal
policies and weighed conflicting testimony before reaching a decision.
Although the MPC decision was not unanimous, the Montecito Association
respects the deliberative process used and encourages the Board of
Supervisors to also give it due consideration.

We further encourage the Board of Supervisors to place special emphasis on
compliance with the requirements of the Montecito Community Plan and the
sensitivity of the Channel Drive location.

Thank you for ensuring that new development complies with the plans and
policies in place to protect the character of this very important part of our
community.

Sincerely,

Aaron Budgor, President