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Cc: Hart, Gregg; Hartmann, Joan; IVTU Chair - Alex Young; IVTU Tenants Union; IVTU Legal Director - Riley Hull; Maia Surendra-IVTU Outreach Director
Subject: Isla Vista Tenants Union Statement of Support for COVID-19 Safety Ordinances
Attachments: IVTU statement of support for COVID-19 safety ordinance.pdf

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Dear Joan Hartmann and Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors,

Please see attached letter from the Isla Vista Tenants Union in support of implementing greater enforcement of COVID-19 ordinances by entities other than law enforcement in Isla Vista.

Thank you,

The Isla Vista Tenants Union
ivtenantsunion@gmail.com

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TEXT:

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Warm regards,

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