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Chair Joni Gray and Supervisors (jgray@co.santa-barbara.ca.us)
Santa Barbara County
105 East Anapamu Street
Santa Barbara, California 93101
Subject: Land Use Development Code

Dear Ms. Gray and Members of the Board of Supervisors,

We would like to thank you for standing firm at the November 18th, 2010 Coastal Commission hearing and opposing the Coastal Commission's suggested modifications to Santa Barbara County's Land Use Development Code. We recognize that the Board of Supervisors had to balance many factors in order to make this important decision and we absolutely support that these land use issues are best decided at the local level. We concur with the Agricultural Advisory Committee's letter dated January 10, 2011 as attached.

We believe that any new policies should encourage and facilitate both agriculture and conservation, not add new burdensome, and often, unrealistic requirements for projects. We urge you to let the Coastal Commission know that agriculture and conservation of our natural resources are high priorities for this County, and adopting policies that will have a negative effect on these priorities is not acceptable.

The only reasonable recourse at this time is to send a letter to the Coastal Commission stating that the County declines to accept the Suggested Modifications, the County is withdrawing its Land Use Development Code application and will resume operating under Article II, as it has since 1982.

Thank you for the providing leadership to ensure the public understands the ramifications of the Coastal Commission's proposed changes to the County's Local Coastal Plan and for your dedication in supporting a community-based planning process.

Sincerely,

Lon Fletcher
President
Cachuma Resource Conservation District

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