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**From:** Toby Ayars <tayars@cox.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 11, 2016 1:42 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Casa Dorinda Maste Plan Appeal

**From:** Sharon Gamble <tjzmom@gmail.com>  
**Subject:** Casa Dorinda  
**Date:** February 8, 2016 12:20:37 PM PST  
**To:** [kayars@cox.net](mailto:kayars@cox.net)

Dear Supervisor Carbajal,

I have been a resident of Montecito and a nurse at Cottage Hospital over 40+ years. As a member of the Casa Dorinda Board of Directors, I have an obligation to the health and safety of the Casa residents. Our plan was submitted to the Montecito Planning Commission with a mitigated negative declaration, no public opposition and strong community support. Three of the five commissioners decided to ask for a targeted EIR on the south bridge, with no evidence to support their request. Both the north and south bridges are Casa's primary ingress and egress onto Hot Springs Road. The south bridge was damaged during the El Niño of 1995. The fire department now requires a 20' wide ingress and egress replacement bridge for the safety of the Casa residents. Our plan is to rebuild the south bridge 20' wide, using the existing historic stones. If the south bridge remains "as is" and fails, Casa will have only one bridge for emergency access from Hot Springs Road. Is retaining a damaged bridge more important than the safety of 300+ Casa residents? Please uphold our appeal.

Respectfully, Sharon Gamble  
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**Subject:** Casa Dorinda Appeal

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**From:** J A PRATT [<mailto:casa.pratt@cox.net>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 02, 2016 12:43 PM  
**To:** Salud Carbajal ([supervisorcarbajal@sbcbos1.org](mailto:supervisorcarbajal@sbcbos1.org))  
**Subject:** Casa Dorinda Appeal

February 2, 2016

Salud Carbajal  
First District Supervisor

Dear Supervisor Carbajal,

I have been a resident of Casa Dorinda for 10 years and involved with the development of Casa Dorinda's new Master Plan from the beginning. The Casa team has been refining this plan for 3 years and working closely with our neighbors to achieve the best results for all. It is a superb plan! I was a resident when Casa had a shortage of healthcare beds. The expansion of our Personal Care and Memory Care units is the main thrust of our plan. We are also including more apartments for local seniors. We are here today with no known opposition from our neighbors or from other regulatory bodies.

I appeal to the Board of Supervisors to overturn the request by 3 members of the Montecito Planning Commission for an EIR on Casa's proposed bridge replacement because the alternatives have been examined and only the proposed project is feasible and safe. Additional study means wasted time and money.

Sincerely,

Joan Pratt  
300 Hot Springs Road Apt. D-92  
Montecito, CA 93108

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**From:** Toby Ayars <tayars@cox.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 11, 2016 1:44 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Board of Supervisors Appeal of Casa Dorinda Project

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**From:** R H Pratt [<mailto:casa.pratt@cox.net>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 03, 2016 3:53 PM  
**To:** Supervisor Salud Carbajal ([SupervisorCarbajal@sbcbos1.org](mailto:SupervisorCarbajal@sbcbos1.org))  
**Subject:** Board of Supervisors Appeal

February 3, 2016

Salud Carbajal, First District Supervisor

Dear Supervisor Carbajal,

As a 10-year resident of Casa Dorinda, I strongly support the new Master Plan which focuses on expanding our Personal Care and Memory Care Centers. These services are at the core of any quality Life Care retirement community and are one of the prime reasons most of us have chosen to live here. We have worked for 3 years with professionals, consultants, our neighbors and many regulatory bodies to carefully work out a Master Plan that will benefit both Casa Dorinda and the Montecito community. The plan has the broad based support of Casa residents, our neighbors, the Montecito Association and the numerous public agencies that have reviewed it.

But when this plan was submitted to the Montecito Planning Commission for final review and approval, we have encountered numerous challenges and objections from a majority of the Commissioners. They have found fault with the conclusions and recommendations from other civic agencies and from documentation submitted without identifying their authority or reasoning. After our second inconclusive all-day hearing with the MPC, we requested that they deny the project so that we could appeal. (They refused.) After the third inconclusive all-day meeting, three of the five Commissioners targeted one specific issue and voted to require a focused EIR for the replacement of the South bridge access to the Casa property.

We appeal to the Board of Supervisors to overturn this decision by the MPC. There has already been ample evidence presented as to why the bridge must be replaced and as to how the required new bridge can be built with minimum impact on the environment. This MPC ruling seems to be based on the individual opinions of three Commissioners and not upon the California Environmental Quality Act. All the possible alternatives for this bridge have been fully and carefully examined and only the proposed project is feasible and safe. We do not need more costly studies which will only delay implementation of our Plan.

Thank you.

Robert H Pratt  
300 Hot Springs Road, Apt. D-92

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**From:** Toby Ayars <tayars@cox.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 11, 2016 1:47 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Casa Dorinda Project Appeal

**From:** Brooks Firestone <[bfirestone@grundoon.net](mailto:bfirestone@grundoon.net)>  
**Date:** January 26, 2016 5:06:24 PM PST  
**To:** "[supervisorcarbajal@sbcboal.org](mailto:supervisorcarbajal@sbcboal.org)" <[supervisorcarbajal@sbcboal.org](mailto:supervisorcarbajal@sbcboal.org)>  
**Cc:** "[kayars@cox.net](mailto:kayars@cox.net)" <[kayars@cox.net](mailto:kayars@cox.net)>, "[sbcob@co.santa-barbara-ca.us](mailto:sbcob@co.santa-barbara-ca.us)" <[sbcob@co.santa-barbara-ca.us](mailto:sbcob@co.santa-barbara-ca.us)>

Dear Salud, Please add my name to those who are urging approval of the Casa Dorinda plan, up on appeal February 16<sup>th</sup>. This should be easy, as there is no opposition and the staff report is positive. I hope to be at the hearing and speak. Best regards, Brooks (Firestone)

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**From:** Paul Jepson <jep@pacific.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 11, 2016 2:09 PM  
**To:** SupervisorCarbajal; sbcob  
**Cc:** Adam, Peter; Lavagnino, Steve; Ayars Kirsten; Munoz Kendra; Jepson Pam; Farr, Doreen; Wolf, Janet  
**Subject:** Request to uphold Casa Dorinda's appeal and move the project forward (hearing 2/16/16)

Supervisor Salud Carbajal,

This communication is in support of the Casa Dorinda project which is sorely needed and enjoys wide community support. Your expedition of the process without further delay would be greatly appreciated. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you would like to discuss the issue further.

Thank you for your consideration.

Paul M. Jepson, M.D.  
Santa Barbara, CA

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**From:** Sue Colin <drsioux@me.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 11, 2016 4:27 PM  
**To:** SupervisorCarbajal; stevelavagnino@countyofsb.org; peteradam@countyofsb.org; Wolf, Janet  
**Cc:** Kirsten Ayars; sbcob  
**Subject:** overturn the request by 3 members of the MPC for an EIR on Casa's proposed bridge replacement

Dear Board of Supervisors, please stop the 3 members of the MPC for requesting an EIR for Casa Dorinda bridge replacement because the decision is based on the personal design preferences of a few Commissioners and NOT THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT, the community, neighbors, and many non profits in Montecito who have supported this plan.

An additional study means excess time (1 year delay) and money (\$500,000 +)

As you know Casa Dorinda serves the senior citizens in Santa Barbara and is a jewel in the community. Many seniors in Santa Barbara want to live at Casa and receive the kind of care their families, who don't live in SB know and have peace of mind that their parents are well taken care of.

Many years ago I stood before the Supervisors asking them to ban junk guns when they were voting on whether to allow "junk guns" in our community. The NRA thought it would be a good thing for Santa Barbara. Of course, that was also a "no brainer" and the Supervisors made the right choice for our community. I am hoping you will feel the same about this appeal and allow Casa Dorinda the opportunity to complete their master plan as approved, without adding extra time and expenses and move our project forward.

Sincerely, Sue Colin, Phd.