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Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors
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RE: Proposed Amendments to the Resource Management Zone District of the
Montecito Land Use Development Code, Continued Hearing of May 6, 2008

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Dear Chair Carbajal and Supervisors:

Thank you for continuing this item to allow input from the Montecito Association on the issue of including exemptions to the requirement that new development in the Resource Management Zone District require the approval of a Development Plan. After further review of the facts and consultation with the Montecito Association Board of Directors and County staff, we recommend that the ordinance amendments be adopted without any exemptions, consistent with the Montecito Planning Commission recommendation.

We do not recommend exemptions for these reasons:

1. The most equitable way to implement the proposed change is through equal application to all property owners. This provides clarity to property owners and staff.
2. Exempting lots that were the subject of a previous Tentative Map would not appear to meet the intent and purpose of the proposed change, which is to provide clear and consistent application of relevant policies on rather complex projects, and to avoid appeals.

Honorary Directors:

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Thank you again for considering our input.

Sincerely,

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