

JOANNE GARRICK
RFD BOX 110-E.HWY 246
LOMPOC, CA 93436
PH&F:805.735.7497

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA
105 EAST ANAPAMU ST., RM #407
SANTA BARBARA, CA 93101

#5



March 16, 2009

Clerk of the Board
County of Santa Barbara
105 East Anapamu St., Rm #407
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

Ref: La Purisima Resort - March 24, 2009 agenda

I would like to voice my opinion for the proposed project on the La Purisima Golf Course.

Mr. Hunter built his golf course on Ag Zoned property with a conditional use permit. At that time it was understood that the golf course would be the only property improvement and would be compatible with agriculture. Is it possible that Mr. Hunter had a long term plan that included the proposed and perhaps future projects? Now with the golf course and the county facing financial woes, Mr. Hunter would like to build a hotel and time share cottages which the county is eagerly considering. Is Mr. Hunter using the county to pave the way so he can sell the golf course with new zoning and reap a huge profit?

Would Mr. Hunter, the county and the agriculture community not benefit from a development in an area that has and is being developed, say to the north of Lompoc? The golf course as is, is a beautiful piece of property. I appreciate seeing it much more than I appreciate chaparral that is home to rattlesnakes, rabbits, lizards, etc. And for Mr. Hunter, the expense of the development north of Lompoc would not be such a financial burden as the existing golf course appears to be.

Approval of this project will set a precedent in Santa Barbara County, making hotels a possibility on all Ag zoned properties. Keep in mind how important agriculture is to our world.

I urge you to oppose this project.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Joanne Garrick