



June 6, 2016

Peter Adam, Chair
Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors
105 East Anapamu Street
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

Via Email

Re: Item #8 of June 7, 2016 Agenda

Dear Chair Adam and Supervisors,

We are writing to express our concern with the suggested modifications proposed by the Coastal Commission staff to the Santa Barbara County's Local Coastal Plan amendment package.

The suggested modification language could put restoration of historic resources in our community at risk in favor of coastal resource policies – even if the actual impact on coastal resources may be insignificant. While obviously the Coastal Act is intended to protect coastal resources, it is not intended to specifically *limit* the protections afforded to historic resources.

Good planning should provide applicants and decision-makers with the ability to protect *all* resources. The suggested language eliminates flexibility and precludes thoughtful decision-making and the ability to craft creative conditions.

If the Coastal Commission staff desires to clarify this portion of the Local Coastal Plan, then it should work more closely with the County, the Historic Landmarks Advisory Committee, and stakeholders from Santa Barbara, including the local preservation community. We encourage the Board to reject the suggested modifications by CCC that specifically target historic resources.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Steve Welton', is written in a cursive style.

Steve Welton, AICP
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