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Public Comment - Group 1 #9

From: susanhorne@cox.net
Sent: Monday, April 3, 2023 2:45 AM
To: sbcob
Cc: 'Susan Horne'
Subject: Affordable Housing - Just Cause ordinance improvements



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Dear SBC Board of Supervisors – Many thanks for your affordable housing efforts. Please keep it up and pass strong Just Cause Eviction ordinances, such as one passed last week unanimously, with some planned tweaks, in City of SB.

I have lived in our beloved SB since the 60's when I came to UCSB, rented, graduated, then married and rented again. We saved and then bought a house -with a precious \$9,000 down payment loan/help from our parents in 1979, as we raised our kids. I was working for Public Health and teaching Childbirth Preparation Classes while my then-husband did Forest Service Los Padres Archaeology/Cultural Heritage preservation/mitigation work for over 30 years.

I was surprised to learn, early on, that Santa Barbara had over 900 non-profits! I felt so glad that SB was such a Caring City. By now, 60 years later, there are more caring non-profits working for our communities all over the County.

But, as you know, in recent years, things have changed . I am now starting to feel ashamed to live here – in a county that has- and still is - forcing out thousands of creative, talented, hardworking local people each year. (We have seen the data on this.)

These are often essential workers, such as in the trades, agriculture, hospitality, administration, teachers, city and county staff, students, fire and police and sheriff department workers, construction trades people who are forced to move out of our beloved city due to the rising costs of unattainable rental costs. Now, it seems only the very wealthy can live here... unless , of course, like me , we bought our home way earlier.

Recent years have seen many proposed hotel buildings permitted- but where will they find their staff who cannot afford to live here? Many wealthy out of town/out of state investors/speculators have bought homes for investments for high income and short- term rentals, including many operating illegally, for their very wealthy owners or corporations, and driving out local buyers and long term renters. The AUD s have also often been built, only to rent for very high prices.

This does not convict the local responsible law-abiding landlords/property owners who operate in Santa Barbara! We need all of them!

As you know, we have an over-abundance of above-moderate- cost housing and far too few affordable units for local families and workers. Please continue to research and implement your good work to build more affordable housing for local workers and their families who can and will build local thriving communities, not more hotels and more above-moderate income housing.

Many thanks, Susan Horne. Health Educator, Retired

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From: PAD LRP Housing Element
Sent: Monday, April 3, 2023 8:53 AM
To: sbcob
Subject: FW: South Patterson Road

Good morning,

Here is a public comment for departmental agenda item 9, Housing Element Update.

Thank you,



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From: Karen Novak <karennovak3@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 2, 2023 9:40 AM
To: PAD LRP Housing Element <housingelement@countyofsb.org>
Subject: South Patterson Road

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To the Board of Supervisors,

I am writing again as I may not be able to attend the hearing on April 4th.

I have many concerns about the proposal to increase the density of housing on South Patterson Road, I live in the More Mesa Shores neighborhood and the daily commute to drive out of our neighborhood and down the lane of south Patterson has been very congested recently. South Patterson is impacted by large trucks from the Jordanos business. This road is very narrow, more housing will increase the stress on this area. If it is going to go forward to impact this area with thousands of more automobiles, etc. the South Patterson Road will have to have major improvements and added lanes. The 101 northbound freeway after Fairview narrows to two lanes and the right lane becomes an exit lane with stopped cars trying to exit the Glen Annie exit ramp. I am surprised that no one has been killed in an accident there as drivers are not aware when cars are stopped in that lane. This is a huge and important problem, I hope that our leaders don't get the cart before the horse, these road issues need imminent attention before thousands of more cars are added to our neighborhoods.

I am very aware that the county needs affordable housing and I support the effort.
The farms at the south Patterson area are so essential and are directly under the flight path of incoming aircraft.
I cannot imagine housing being right in the middle of all this congestion.

I am grateful for hearing my concerns.

Respectfully,

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From: Jack Mohr <jackmohr1987@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 3, 2023 1:30 PM
To: sbcob; Williams, Das; Laura Capps; Hartmann, Joan; Nelson, Bob; Lavagnino, Steve
Subject: Ban Renovictions in Santa Barbara County

Caution: This email originated from a source outside of the County of Santa Barbara. Do not click links or open attachments unless you verify the sender and know the content is safe.

My name is John Mohr and I am a tenant in Carpinteria. I am unable to participate in person tomorrow at the Board Hearing to discuss renovictions, but I am writing to ask you to take action to protect tenants in Santa Barbara County who are at risk of renovation.

I have lived in a condo complex at 5455 8th Street in Carpinteria since July 2020 and I have seen at least 4 different working families forced out of their homes by landlords eager to either renovate properties for wealthier renters or who are hoping to flip properties for profits. These evictions cause serious disruptions in family's lives including children being forced to move schools, parents being forced to commute further to work, and in some cases families losing any access to affordable housing in Santa Barbara County. My wife and I are both public employees and we are fortunate to be earning nearly twice the median household income for the County, and we are still doubtful whether we will be able to afford a home of our own in Carpinteria because of the housing affordability crisis in our community.

A failure to act will continue to push up housing prices and landlord profits at the expense of our local community. I urge you to pass a renovation ban, and consider further measures to expand access to affordable housing that working people in Santa Barbara County desperately need.

Best,

John Mohr