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Chairwoman Janet Wolf and Members of the  
Board of Supervisors  
County of Santa Barbara  
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Re: Revisions to Coastal Commission Staff Recommended Modifications to the  
County Land Use and Development Code

July 27, 2010

Dear Honorable Chairwoman Wolf and Members of the Board,

Thank you for again for allowing me to address you on the issue of the suggested LUDC modifications from the California Coastal Commission staff. I appreciate your attention to the concerns that have been expressed on the shortcomings of the CCC's staff's recommendations for our County, and your efforts to address those concerns. However, the County's proposed language to address the school issue, while well intentioned, still would not resolve the prohibitive restrictions of the CCC staff's modifications for schools.

The Board has suggest that the language be revised to "include additional language that specifies that the expansion of school facilities on a *lot adjacent to the existing school that is owned by the school* may also be allowed by Conditional Use Permit, and that existing, legally permitted schools are considered conforming uses. " This would still prohibit the Vista del Mar Union School District, which was forced from it's location by the oil industry, from building on the lots it owns in the Coastal Zone, as the property adjacent to the school's lots are no longer used as a school facility, nor is the adjacent property owned by the school district.

While the language must be further revised to fit Vista's situation, the revisions also need to be suitable for other County schools in the Coastal Zone affected by the proposed modifications.

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This is but one example of the of the importance of including adequate public notification and participation in the LUDC modification process. While well intentioned, the CCC's staff has eliminated the reality check of how the proposed policies will play out on the ground. The public, which voted for and has supported the CCC for decades, deserves the respect of being a player at the table with their valid concerns fully addressed in the policy building process. We deserve a collaborative, holistic approach - not a limited, time constrained chance only to be reactive to unrealistic dictates.

Please revise the proposed language regarding schools to accommodate situations like Vista Del Mar Union School District's. And please ask the Coastal Commission to give the people of Santa Barbara County the time to carefully consider the proposed modifications and invite them to be a participant in building policy for our coast and our County.

Thank you for your time and consideration of these issues.

Sincerely,

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