

WINICK ARCHITECTS

LETTER OF SUPPORT
TO SANTA BARBARA BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
RE: 1154 CHANNEL DRIVE

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COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA
CLERK OF THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

July 14, 2016

Dear Chair Adam & Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors:

I am pleased to be writing to you in support of the project at 1154 Channel Drive.

As some of you know, I the principal of the local firm Winick Architects, recently completed serving as the Vice Chair of the Historic Landmarks Commission and served this last year as the AIA SB Chapter president and continue to serve on the AIA Executive Board. In my practice as well as in my public service, I have supported sustainable design, the protection of our environment, and the consideration of others' enjoyment of our unique coastal setting.

I've had the opportunity to review the proposed project to be located at 1154 Channel Drive, and I feel that the it is sensitive in site planning, scale and design that it fits into its context and is an exemplary addition to this coastal setting. As the Project Architect for the Coral Casino and the Four Seasons Biltmore Spa, I greatly value this neighborhood and know that the approvals process, though arduous is very well calibrated. Only well designed and considered projects emerge from the Montecito BAR. This project has very sensitively and successfully evolved through the MBAR process with a great result.

I urge the Board to approve this design knowing you that you have skilled professionals on MBAR who have helped to shape the project. And most importantly the project merits approval as it respects all zoning requirements, it doesn't have a visual impact on the mountain views from the ocean, and it fits in nicely with the character of this seaside neighborhood.

Sincerely,



Barry Winick, AIA, NCARB, LEED AP
Principal, Winick Architects, Inc

*2015 President of AIA Santa Barbara
American Institute of Architects*

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July 13, 2016

Attn: Members of the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors
Re: 1154 Channel Drive (16APL-00000-00007)

Dear Chair Adam and Board of Supervisors,

I am a local architect and represent the owners of 1206 Channel Drive. The owners and architect for the project at 1154 Channel Drive reached out to us to see if we, as neighbors, have any objections to what is being proposed. I am pleased to say that we are in favor of this project. There doesn't seem to be any issues with the second story blocking views of the mountains, the FAR of the project is well within its neighborhood compatibility, there is an unobtrusive amount of glass facing the ocean, and the architectural style is harmonious with the neighborhood.

Sincerely,



Daniel M Longwill, AIA
Representing:
1206 Channel Drive



McAdams
Financial Services

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Friday, July 15, 2016

Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors
105 E. Anapamu Street, Rm. 407
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

Dear Santa Barbara Board of Supervisors,

I am writing this letter in support of the project at 1154 Channel Drive in Montecito.

Channel Drive is one of the most desirable addresses in the Santa Barbara area. The ability for property owners to provide welcome updates to some of the dated homes along the street can only add to the allure and value of this illustrious location.

I have reviewed the proposed plan for 1154 and find it to be incredibly tasteful, providing an immense improvement to the condition of the existing lot. The design seems very considerate of the surroundings as well as being sophisticated and thoughtfully scaled.

I would like to request that the Board vote to approve this beautiful project.

Sincerely,

George Cassill

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COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA
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July 11, 2016

Re: 1154 Channel Drive, Olsten Trust Appeal July 19th

Dear Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors,

As a long time Montecito resident and member of the Coral Casino, I have been following this project over the last year and a half. I've had the pleasure of meeting the owners and architect, and have seen the latest design for 1154 Channel Drive. The project, as it's designed, will be a wonderful addition to the community. It is unfortunate to learn that the neighbors behind the project are stating that the house is incompatible with the neighborhood and blocking mountain views in order to protect their own private views of the ocean. Having seen the story poles and the proposed design, this is clearly not the case. I plan on attending the July 19th appeal and would like to ask that this project be considered for approval.

Thank you,


Jeffrey D. Young

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Santa Barbara, CA
93108

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COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA
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July 14, 2016

Clerk of the Board
105E Anapamu St., Room 407

RE: Olsten Trust (1154 Channel Drive)

Dear Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors,

This is a letter to support the proposed project at 1154 Channel Drive. I am a fairly new member to the community having only lived here for two years, but quickly fell in love with the area. One of the most beautiful places along the entire Santa Barbara Coastline is Butterfly Beach and Channel Drive. However, one thing I quickly noticed is that several of the homes on Channel Drive are a distraction to the character...especially the existing house at 1154 Channel Drive.

I have been following the progress of this project at the Montecito Planning Commission and was disheartened by their unfortunate decision to deny the project. I am so glad that there is another opportunity that this home can still be approved through the appeal process. It is such a gorgeous design that will enhance and glorify the character of the neighborhood.

I can't even imagine the amount of time and money that the owners and architects have devoted to this project. If this project is denied, then there is no doubt that the existing eyesore of a house will remain for eternity. Nobody would ever buy an existing two story house on Channel Drive and replace it with a one story house as the Hill Road Neighbors and Montecito Planning Commission would like. It is time for the next chapter of this property to begin and I strongly urge you to approve the appeal.

Sincerely,



Cherryl Knudsen

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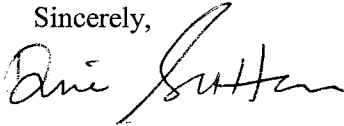
Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors
July 19, 2016 Appeal

Re: 1154 Channel Drive, 16APL-00000-00007

Dear Board of Supervisors,

My family and I have been residents of Montecito for over 30 years and own a condo in Montecito Shores next to the Coral Casino. We frequently visit the Biltmore, Butterfly Beach, and Channel Drive and consider this area our neighborhood. I had a chance to view the materials submitted for the design of this project and am extremely pleased with the design direction and feel that it will be a great update for this property on Channel Drive. The modern style of this house is actually quite modest and attractively uses natural materials to blend in with its surroundings. Additionally, the proposed landscape design is exceptional and well integrated with the architecture. The existing house and property is so unattractive and in desperate need of an owner like this willing to go through the arduous process to build something that this neighborhood deserves. My family and I are fully in favor of this project and look forward to its completion.

Sincerely,



Dina Sultan
93 Seaview Drive
Montecito, CA 93108

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COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA
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Dear Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors,

My husband and I have been residents of Montecito for many years and we feel that Channel Drive is probably the single most iconic street in Montecito. Having said that, several of the houses along that street are beginning to show their age and take away from the overall feel of the neighborhood and especially the existing house at 1154 Channel Drive. The project that is being proposed for 1154, although contemporary, is actually quite charming and a much needed improvement for that site, therefore we are submitting this letter of support for the proposed project.

Sincerely,

Walt & Lynne Clay

Handwritten signatures of Walt and Lynne Clay. The signature for Walt Clay is on the left and the signature for Lynne M. Clay is on the right.

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Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors
105 East Anapamu Street
Room 407
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Re: Proposed Residence at 1154 Channel Drive

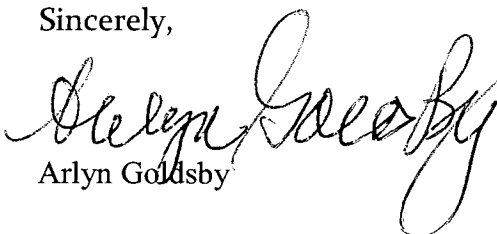
Dear Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors,

My late husband and I have lived in this beautiful coastal paradise for over 50 years. I have a background in design and for the last 20 years, I have had the privilege of owning and operating the ladies fashion store in Montecito named 'Objects' on Coast Village Road where I feel I've done my very best to support our community through environmental consciousness as well as philanthropic efforts. During my time here, I've met many wonderful people who care about the visual beauty of this town as much as I do, but I've also come across some people who only have their own agenda in mind and the good of Santa Barbara is not a concern to them.

One of my husband's and my favorite things to do was to enjoy sunrises and sunsets at Butterfly Beach. We would always marvel at the creativity in architectural design that, when done correctly, can blend in with the neighborhood while still being exciting and organic. I've had the pleasure of reviewing the latest design, as well as several other iterations, for the proposed residence at 1154 Channel Drive, and I have to say it will be a welcome upgrade to the property from its current state as well as a wonderful addition to the scenic views of the mountains from the vantage point of a pedestrian at street level walking or driving along our treasured coastline.

I've watched the evolution of the design as the owner and Architect have seemingly bent over backward to accommodate the neighbors' concerns, yet it appears that they are still being obstructed by a part-time resident from out of town. This is frustrating indeed to hear that someone, protecting their own interests, is preventing a homeowner from building a home that will obviously be better for our environment and our community than what currently occupies the property. I hope you'll approve this project and let our coastline benefit from this beautiful home.

Sincerely,


Arlyn Goldsby

July 13, 2016

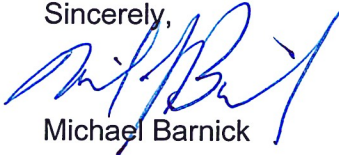
RE: July 19th Olsten Trust Appeal

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

As a longtime local resident and owner of ocean front properties, I know the difficulty of obtaining approval to build, and having followed the Channel Drive project for 18 months and witnessing the Owner's extraordinary efforts to respond to community comments by redesigning & modifying their home, I believe the current proposal for the house and its landscape would be a significant enhancement to Channel Drive and should be approved. So, I plan to speak at the appeal in support of the project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Michael Barnick", written over the typed name.

Michael Barnick

Alexandra Nourse
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Santa Barbara, CA 93108

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July 12, 2016

Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors

105 East Anapamu
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

Dear Members of the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors,

My husband and I moved to Montecito in the mid 90's after retiring and we've had the distinct pleasure of watching our little village evolve into the beautiful sea-side retreat it is today. In the last 20 years, we designed and built two homes in Montecito so we understand the importance of having a great design while also respecting the neighbors' wishes. We often walk from the Coral Casino to the end of Channel drive. Bob and I have seen the design for the new house at 1154 Channel Drive, and we think it's charming and elegant. I can't imagine why this design would be in any way controversial or be considered out of character with the neighborhood. We understand the architect and owners had to redesign the house several times to satisfy some of the neighbors. We hope you'll approve the latest design because it will make a wonderful addition to our community.

Sincerely,



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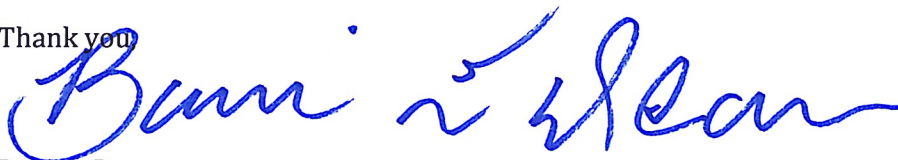
Re: July 19th, 1154 Channel Drive, Olsten Trust Appeal

Dear Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors,

I am writing this letter in support of the proposed project at 1154 Channel Drive that is being appealed on July 19th.

Living in Montecito as a permanent resident for 20 years and owning two neighboring properties to the proposed project (1086 Channel, and 1076 Fairway), I have witnessed firsthand the evolution and development of this neighborhood. Since 1969 we have owned five properties on Channel Drive and one on Hill Road. It is pleasing to see that someone is finally updating the property located at 1154 Channel Drive with a remarkable project that will further enhance this community. The proposed contemporary design has a very natural feel complimented by an equally compelling landscape plan. I was surprised to learn that there was even opposition to such a tasteful project and would like to ask that this project be considered for approval by your commission.

Thank you



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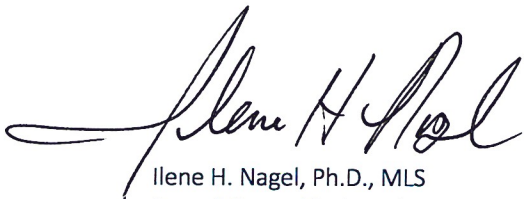
Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors
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105 East Anapamu Street
Room 407
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

Re: 1154 Channel Drive, Grabowski/Olsten Residence

Dear Chair Adam and Board of Supervisors,

I am a local resident of Montecito, have an office on Coast Village Road, and frequently walk Butterfly Beach. I am very excited about this new project proposed for the site at 1154 Channel Drive, and am submitting this letter of support for the July 19th Appeal.

Sincerely,



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July 15, 2016

Board of Supervisors
Santa Barbara County
105 E. Anapamu, #406
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

Re: 1154 Channel Drive

Dear Supervisors:

I am writing to share my opinion with regard to the above referenced project.

I am a long-time resident of both Montecito & Santa Barbara. I personally was involved with the building of five residences on Hill Road and I am very familiar with the fabric of the Channel Drive/Hill Road neighborhoods. For many years I have felt the current house is a "sea" of red tile roofing, lacks landscaping and needs to be redesigned. I have become familiar with the proposed design, have studied the drawings and feel it greatly improves the neighborhood. The material pallet is much more organic and blends well with the other surrounding residences. I cannot understand the issue of "blocking" mountain views and feel that the owner & architect have gone to great lengths to prove that point.

I hope that the Board will approve this project.

Sincerely,



Dana P. Sachey

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Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors
105 East Anapamu Street, Rm. 407
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

Subject: 1154 Channel Drive, Olsten Residence

Dear Members of the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors,

Being a realtor that has worked with many clients in Montecito, I understand the importance of developing quality projects that add value to a community. This project certainly meets that criteria and is well within its limitations expressed by the Montecito Guidelines. Additionally, the architecture and landscape design that is proposed will further enrich Channel Drive and we are thankful to have the Olsten's as part of this community. I plan on attending the appeal on July 19th to express my support for the proposed project.

Sincerely,



David Lacy
Berkshire Hathaway Home Services
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Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors
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Santa Barbara, CA 93101


RE: July 19th Olsten Trust Appeal

Dear Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors,

I am writing in support of the 1154 Channel Drive project before you for appeal on July 19th. Working for Berkshire Hathaway on Coast Village Road has made me very familiar with the surrounding community, and given me an appreciation for the ability to walk down Channel Drive every day whether for work or pleasure.

I have reviewed the current renderings and I believe that the proposed design is beautiful and will only add to my, and the rest of the community's, appreciation for the neighborhood. The contemporary, green-living style of the home is very appealing to see, or at least spark interest to see as the home is curtained by the surrounding landscaping, for all passers-by both visiting and local. The re-design outshines the outdated existing house, and will only add to the value of the community.

Sincerely,



Bernie Corea
Berkshire Hathaway Home Services
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Montecito, CA 93108



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Dear Members of the Montecito Planning Commission,

I am a local architect and a resident of Montecito. I am currently a member of the Montecito Board of Architectural Review and a past Board Member of the Montecito Association active on their Land Use Committee. I have reviewed the proposed project located at 1154 Channel Drive designed by The Warner Group Architects on several occasions. I believe the project is appropriate to its' site and that the architecture will be complementary to the varied collection of buildings that make up the Channel Drive community. I think the architects have spent considerable time in redesigning this home to accommodate the concerns of the Commission, neighbors and other community members. In my opinion the latest design achieves an acceptable balance of aesthetics, scale and intensity of use. I recommend the project's approval and believe it will be a refreshing upgrade to the variety of architectural styles that are present on Channel Drive.

Sincerely,

Robert Kupiec, AIA



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Date: 7/12/2016
From: Sam Maphis
Earthform Design
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Santa Barbara, CA 93101
To: The Santa Barbara County
Board of Supervisors
Clerk of the Board
105 E. Anapamu St Rm 407
Santa Barbara, CA 93101
Re: Proposed Residence at 1154 Channel Drive

Dear Chair Adam & Board of Supervisors,
As the previous Chair of the Montecito Board of Architectural Review, I had the opportunity to review the proposed project located at 1154 Channel Drive for the first time in September of 2014. At that time, it was determined that the project was incompatible with the neighborhood due to its larger than existing 2nd floor area mass. Since that initial review, the project has undergone several iterations in an attempt to address and satisfy the neighbors' concerns. After careful review of the latest design, as well as the previous re-designs, I can say that the owner and Architects have gone above and beyond what was requested of them to satiate the desires of the members of the neighborhood and the professional MBAR committee.

The design that was presented to the Planning Commission in May, 2015 was the result of obvious hard work and compromise on the applicant's part as they have addressed the Commission's previous comments and then some in an effort to put forth a wonderfully sustainable project that will be an attractive addition to Channel Drive. The current design is in full compliance with the MBAR guidelines and even reduces the FAR from the existing 30% over recommended to a negligible 10% over. The design also reduces the height of the building below the existing house. The willingness of the owner and Architect to reduce the scope and size of the project is quite commendable.

The current design has the same area of glass as the current structure so the previously mentioned "lantern effect" is no longer a concern for the neighbors. The lush screening but, drought tolerant landscape design will be much healthier for the neighborhood than the existing landscaping which is in an advanced state of disrepair.

The latest design also has less of an impact on the mountain views from Channel Drive and on the neighbors' ocean views than the existing structure. Therefore, it is baffling that the comments in opposition of the latest design are the same comments that were aired almost 2 years ago even though the mass bulk and scale of the proposed residence has been reduced drastically from that initial design.

Having served on the MBAR for the past 12 years, I can say without question that this project has received more undeserved scrutiny than any other residential project in Montecito. I hope the supervisors share my perspective and determine that this residence will be an exciting addition to the Channel Drive community.

Sincerely,

Sam W. Maphis IV ASLA

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