

June 29, 2016

Dear Supervisor Farr;

The purpose of my correspondence is to urge you to oppose the proposed zipline project here in the Santa Ynez Valley.

My concern is motorists and passenger safety.

My primary concern is for the increased potential of accidents at the narrow entrance to the park on Highway 246. This road is heavily traveled both day and night, year round by locals and commuters getting to work, as well as by visitors to the valley. There are also numerous tour busses, school busses, casino busses, public transportation busses and work vehicles using the highway. The traffic is moving at 55 miles per hour and it is a two lane road, one lane in each direction. It is my assumption that most of the traffic to and from the zipline park would be tourists, unfamiliar with the road, and the single lane entrance to the park. For tourists coming west from Solvang, it would be necessary to cross the eastbound traffic. For those exiting the park and going west toward Buellton, they would also have to cross the traffic. I feel this is a recipe for disaster and would not only pose constant dangerous situations to tourists, but to our locals. Factor in a bit of wine tasting, and the chance for a miscalculation increases.

A multi car pile up at this entrance to the park could potentially cause gridlock for miles in both directions in the valley. A similar situation exists at El Rancho Market (where the speed limit is 10 miles per hour less) and it would not be difficult to document how many accidents have occurred at that location over the years.

I urge you to oppose this project.

Sincerely,

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