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Honorable Supervisors:

I was saddened to hear of the recent passing of David Yager. I worked with and for him, as Chief Deputy County Counsel, when he was First District Supervisor in the late 1980's. What most impressed me was his integrity and commitment to fair treatment of his constituents, regardless of their wealth or status, and his courage in responding to corporate bullies. Exxon's threats back then to undo our local air quality rules come immediately to mind.

Most importantly, he taught me a crucial lesson as a public lawyer: the County had erroneously revoked a permit for an accessory building on a modest Carpinteria property. As the county's chief land use lawyer, I advised that the Board *might* successfully "defend" the mistake if they spent enough taxpayer money and time to delay and defeat the homeowner. And, I advised that if the County agreed to correct their error, other victims might come forward seeking remedies. He insisted on doing what was fair and right. His colleagues followed his lead.

Supervisor Yager was always a pleasure to work with for his wonderful sense of humor. One day, the Board members each received a gift of a flowering plant (with a value far below the FPPC gift limit), from a local horticultural society. In recognizing the "gift", he quipped- "This is great!! I hear the next applicant owns a bank!"

I last saw him at a downtown restaurant after he was evacuated during the Montecito mudslides, still gracious and smiling. I was happy he remembered me and our work together.

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