

Katherine Douglas

Public Comment - Group 1

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From: Kristin Stritzel <stritzelkristin@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 4, 2025 3:30 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Mission Isla Vista Partners LP Housing Development

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September 5, 2025

To the Santa Barbara Board of Supervisors,

My name is Kristin Stritzel and I was a student at UCSB from 2009 to 2013. I am writing to ask that you deny the appeal to the County Planning Commission Approval of the Mission Isla Vista Partners LP Housing Development and allow this project to be built.

The reason I am asking that this project be pushed through is because I believe Isla Vista needs more housing like this, as I have personally been impacted by the work of Mission Isla Vista and Jason and Holly Lomelino and community living overseen by this organization.

Holly and Jason have been such a grounding presence during my time in Isla Vista.

They've created a home that feels safe, healthy, and full of love. This is something that's not always easy to find here. Their support, both mentally and emotionally, helped me stay focused, avoid the party scene, and grow into a better version of myself. They've made a huge difference in my life and in the lives of so many others. The peace and sense of community they bring to Isla Vista is something truly special, and I'm so grateful for everything they've done.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Kristin stritzel

UCSB Alum & past Isla Vista resident

Sent from my iPhone

Katherine Douglas

From: Lindsay Mason <lindsaycmason@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 4, 2025 3:34 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Mission Isla Vista Housing Development

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To the Santa Barbara Board of Supervisors,

My name is Lindsay Mason, I was a student at UCSB from 2007 to 2011. I am writing to ask that you deny the appeal to the County Planning Commission Approval of the Mission Isla Vista Partners LP Housing Development and allow this project to be built.

I believe Isla Vista needs more housing like this and I have personally been greatly impacted by the work of Mission Isla Vista, Jason and Holly Lomelino and community living overseen by this organization.

Rather than partying through college, I found a loving, safe community of friends that felt like family. And this community created a four year season of my life I refer to as "the golden years" and will always cherish deeply. My husband and I actually met in this community and we with our three kids now, still live with that same intention towards our friends and community now here on Maui. Lasting, loving relationships, a healthy life style and a community that feels like family is everything to a thriving life. Please consider our request.

Thank you,

Lindsay Mason
UCSB Alum & past Isla Vista resident

Katherine Douglas

From: Elijah Simmons <elijahsimmons1992@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 4, 2025 3:37 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Mission Isla Vista Partners LP Housing Development - Personal Testimony

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September 4, 2025

To the Santa Barbara Board of Supervisors,

My name is Elijah G. Simmons and I was enrolled at UCSB from 2011 to 2015. I am writing to ask that you deny the appeal to the County Planning Commission Approval of the Mission Isla Vista Partners LP Housing Development and allow this project to be built.

The reason I am asking that this project be pushed through is because I believe Isla Vista needs more housing like this, as I have personally been impacted by the work of Mission Isla Vista and Jason and Holly Lomelino and community living overseen by this organization.

Without the Mission Isla Vista Community my life could be on a very different track right now. When I first found my way into their community, I was on the tail end of some serious drug use and looking for a safe place to land. Their organization played a major role in helping me get back on my feet, make some better friends, regain momentum as a student and find my identity in Christ. My experience living in one of their community living homes was incredible and I am confident in the work that they do. Having seen both sides of Isla Vista, I know for a fact that I.V. is a better place because of the profound compassion and tireless commitment of this organization.

The seeds that were planted in the years I spent in this community have served me greatly in the 10 years since I left Isla Vista. I now live in San Diego, where I am working full-time for the Dept of Defense on Camp Pendleton while also studying to get a Master's degree in Theology. Within the next 4 years my goal is to become a Navy Chaplain in support of the Marine Corps, to serve God and country. I am confident that God used Mission Isla Vista as a vehicle to make these dreams possible. By providing the love and truth I needed, even when I was at my worst, they helped me get my life back on track. I hope you can see that this project could very well lead to more testimonies like mine, and I'd encourage you all to deny the appeal, allowing it to be built. God bless.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Elijah G. Simmons
UCSB Alum & past Isla Vista resident

Katherine Douglas

From: Alexis Bain <alexisrb72@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 4, 2025 4:07 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Mission Isla Vista Partners LP Housing Development

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To the Santa Barbara Board of Supervisors,

My name is Alexis Bain and I was a student at UCSB from 2018 to 2024. I am writing to ask that you deny the appeal to the County Planning Commission Approval of the Mission Isla Vista Partners LP Housing Development and allow this project to be built.

The reason I am asking that this project be pushed through is because I believe Isla Vista needs more housing like this as I have personally been impacted by the work of Mission Isla Vista and Jason and Holly Lomelino and community living overseen by this organization.

Prior to my experiences with the Lomelino's and Mission Isla vista I was not on track to receive my degree from UCSB. I was entrenched in IV party culture which negatively affected my academic and personal experience. Through the support of Lomelinos and positive experiences living in community housing I not only received my degree but excelled to the point that I was able to maintain a full time job and am now pursuing a masters degree. Isla vista is an incredibly difficult place to live and thrive without proper support systems and I'm forever grateful for the one I found in Mission Isla Vista.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Alexis Bain
UCSB Alum & past Isla Vista resident

Katherine Douglas

From: Corinne Stritzel <corinne422@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 4, 2025 4:29 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Mission Isla Vista Project Appeal

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September 5, 2025

To the Santa Barbara Board of Supervisors,

My name is Corinne Stritzel and I was a student at UCSB from 2009 to 2013. I am writing to ask that you deny the appeal to the County Planning Commission Approval of the Mission Isla Vista Partners LP Housing Development and allow this project to be built.

The reason I am asking that this project be pushed through is because I believe Isla Vista needs more housing like this, as I have personally been impacted by the work of Mission Isla Vista and Jason and Holly Lomelino and community living overseen by this organization.

I had the pleasure of meeting Jason and Holly in Isla Vista as a UCSB student. As a student who didn't know anyone (moved from Chicago) they immediately invited me into the community in Isla vista and treated me as their own family. The house they have on del playa drive became a safe haven for me as I wasn't into the "party scene" and there was always a safe place for me to belong and invest in community while loving on others as well. This community is still a huge part of my life and has and continues to change Isla Vista for the better. This organization has helped those in need on Friday nights w one house on del playa drive (whether the students need to use the bathroom, sober up, call the paramedics for help, need water, or a free burger) this organization is marked and known by the community of IV and has helped so many, including myself emotionally and mentally. I don't know if I would be where I am today without the love and support of Jason and Holly and this organization. This project is not just a building or piece of land that's being built, it's a community that has and wants to continue to love and help the city of Isla Vista. A place where everyone belongs. The support and service this community offers during Halloween and Deltopia is incredible. I was also in Isla Vista during the awful shooting that happened years ago-seeing the love and support that Jason and Holly offered us all in grief and mourning was surreal. That's the love and support that this organization has and will continue to support. They don't run or quit when things get hard or messy, they are here for the long haul and we're hoping you won't stop them from loving and being there for our city.
Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Corinne Stritzel
UCSB Alum & past Isla Vista resident
(Nurse at Santa Barbara cottage hospital now thanks to Jason and Holly!) Sent from my iPhone

Katherine Douglas

From: Joseph Anguiano <jaucsb@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 4, 2025 4:51 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Mission Isla Vista

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To the Santa Barbara Board of Supervisors,

My name is Junior Joseph Anguiano and I was a student at UCSB from 2015 to 2018. I am writing to ask that you deny the appeal to the County Planning Commission Approval of the Mission Isla Vista Partners LP Housing Development and allow this project to be built.

The reason I am asking that this project be pushed through is because I believe Isla Vista needs more housing like this, as I have personally been impacted by the work of Mission Isla Vista and Jason and Holly Lomelino and community living overseen by this organization.

In the early year of 2015 at UCSB I found myself hours away from home in need of friends and good direction for my emerging young adult life. Mission Isla Vista, in the form of Isla Vista Church, through a local community house in Isla Vista helped provide those healthy community supports and guidance for my life. The Lomelinos via Mission Isla Vista helped me learn healthy coping skills in the community, like sharing meals with friends, exercising, and volunteering. Being away from my family in Isla Vista left me very vulnerable to bad influences and bad decisions but Mission Isla Vista guided me to making safe and responsible choices. For example, when UCSB was closed, counseling staff was not around, or it was a holiday Mission Isla Vista was still open, available, and inviting me into public community events where I could be seen and heard by others.

Mission Isla Vista absolutely provided the necessary support I needed to achieve my goal of graduating from UCSB. I was able to graduate with an undergraduate in Psychology from UCSB in 2018 and as of this past week, I am now in my 2nd year of my Clinical Psychology Doctoral degree at California Baptist University where I work in the Disability Services Center at the University.

The housing opportunity of living in a home organized by Mission Isla Vista truly changed my life in significant ways and an approval for this project could mean thousands more overtime having the same opportunity to develop a healthy community, positive coping skills, and good guidance within the Isla Vista culture.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Junior Joseph Anguiano
UCSB Alum & past Isla Vista resident

Katherine Douglas

From: Austin Sonnier <sonnieraustin@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 4, 2025 5:22 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Letter of Support for Mission Isla Vista Partners LP Housing Development

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To the Santa Barbara Board of Supervisors,

My name is Austin Sonnier, and I was a student at UCSB as an undergraduate from 2015 to 2020 and again as a Master's student from 2022 to 2024. I also worked as an intern and Staff Research Associate at the Geography Department's Climate Hazards Center for five years. I am writing to ask that you deny the appeal to the County Planning Commission's approval of the Mission Isla Vista Partners LP Housing Development and allow this project to be built.

The reason I am asking that this project move forward is because I believe Isla Vista needs more housing like this. I have personally been impacted by the work of Mission Isla Vista, Jason Lomelino, Holly Lomelino, and by the community living overseen by this organization.

For nine years, I benefited from the positive and healthy impacts that Mission Isla Vista, Jason, and Holly provided the community, including workforce development, networking events, mentorship opportunities, and affordable housing. I even have the pleasure of saying that I met my wife through this organization's network. Mission Isla Vista was a much-needed peaceful reprieve and refuge from the fast-paced, toxic party culture that unfortunately infiltrates many aspects of UCSB student life. Thanks to Mission Isla Vista and the work of Jason and Holly, I thrived as both a student and a young person growing into the healthy, responsible, caring man I am today. Without the positive, inclusive environment this organization created, I cannot say I would have experienced the same level of success in my personal, academic, and professional endeavors.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Austin Sonnier
UCSB Alum & past Isla Vista resident

Katherine Douglas

From: Haylee Sonnier <hmfortson@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 4, 2025 5:34 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Request - Mission Isla Vista Partners LP Housing Development

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To the Santa Barbara Board of Supervisors,

My name is Haylee, and I lived in Isla Vista for six years—first as a UCSB student from 2018 to 2022, and continuing after graduation. I am writing to respectfully ask that you deny the appeal to the County Planning Commission's approval of the Mission Isla Vista Partners LP Housing Development and allow this project to move forward.

I believe Isla Vista needs more housing like this, not only because of the practical need for affordable and supportive living spaces, but because I have personally experienced the impact of Mission Isla Vista, Jason and Holly Lomelino, and the community they have built.

When I first arrived in Isla Vista, I was on my own, unsure of how to find community or how to feel safe there. Jason and Holly welcomed me with kindness at a time when I deeply needed it. They carry a vision for a better world, and unlike many, they take real, tangible steps toward making that vision a reality.

Through Mission Isla Vista, I found a place of belonging and support. But I have also seen their impact reach far beyond myself—touching countless others in this community. They extend compassion to people who are down on their luck, those struggling with anxiety and depression, and those who feel lost or isolated. Their presence has made Isla Vista a stronger, healthier, and more connected place.

That is why I strongly believe this housing project should be built. Change can be hard for anyone, but I have full confidence that when all is said and done the community in its entirety will be filled with gratitude at the result. It represents not just new development, but an opportunity to expand the kind of community care and support that Isla Vista desperately needs. I urge you to let this project move forward so it can continue to bring life-changing benefits to the people who live here.

Thank you for your time and for considering my perspective.

Sincerely,

Haylee Sonnier
UCSB Alum & past Isla Vista resident

Katherine Douglas

From: Carley Krull <carley.m.krull@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 4, 2025 8:34 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Mission Isla Vista Housing Development

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To the Santa Barbara Board of Supervisors,

My name is Carley Krull and I was a student at UCSB for both undergrad and grad school from 2015 to 2020. I am writing to ask that you deny the appeal to the County Planning Commission Approval of the Mission Isla Vista Partners LP Housing Development and allow this project to be built.

I'm requesting that this project be approved because I believe Isla Vista needs more housing like this, as I have personally been impacted by the work of Mission Isla Vista and Jason and Holly Lomelino and community living overseen by this organization.

I first met Jason and Holly during my sophomore year of college, ten years ago, and their lives— as well as the community they've built— have had a profound impact on me ever since. I have yet to encounter another community as close-knit, supportive, and genuinely healthy as Mission Isla Vista. When I look back on my college years, they are definitely a highlight.

It was through this community that I met my now-husband, Jack. Jason and Holly guided us through pre-marital counseling and even officiated our wedding four years ago. Many of our closest friends, including much of our wedding party, also came from this incredible group. Mission Isla Vista is the primary reason my husband and I have remained in Santa Barbara since graduating from UCSB— this community means so much to us.

The Lomelinos and their mission have deeply shaped my life and the lives of so many others, and I'm incredibly grateful for the important role they continue to play in Isla Vista.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Carley Krull
UCSB Alum & Past Isla Vista resident

Katherine Douglas

From: Rose Walsh <rosharonwalsh@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 4, 2025 8:48 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Letter to the Board of Supervisors

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September 5, 2025

To the Santa Barbara Board of Supervisors,

My name is Rose Walsh, and I was a student at UCSB from 2014 to 2018. I am writing to ask that you deny the appeal to the County Planning Commission Approval of the Mission Isla Vista Partners LP Housing Development and allow this project to be built.

The reason I am asking that this project be pushed through is because I believe Isla Vista needs more housing like this, as I have personally been impacted by the work of Mission Isla Vista and Jason and Holly Lomelino, and community living overseen by this organization.

Jason and Holly Lomelino and the organization they lead changed my life. I would not be the person I am today without them. My freshman year, I was a lost gazelle in a wild jungle of a huge party school. In that year, I found Jason and Holly. Their supportive organization gave me the foundation to mature into a confident, hard-working, successful professional.

They counseled me and provided a safe space for me to grow emotionally. Because of this, I was a straight-A student, very involved in extra-curricular activities, and kept out of the party scene. As a student, they encouraged and supported in my giftings to grow and lead. They gave me leadership opportunities to initiate groups in the interests I had, such as art and creativity, mental health, and women's issues. I was invited and empowered to challenge my comfort zone by public speaking and performance opportunities. Through their organization, I found myself in a thriving community where I had a support group that met weekly with sharing meals, check-ins, and encouragement of one another in our individual endeavors. We had accountability for our goals and consistency to stay driven and motivated.

Due to their support and guidance, I have grown into a successful Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist operating with a booming private practice. I lead and guide, and counsel others out of depression, anxiety, and trauma. I work with young adults, couples, and teens in a professional setting to break addiction, childhood wounds, grief, betrayal repair, and low self-esteem. I could not have achieved all that I have today if it were not for their nurture and care in my young college years, leading me out of destructive behavioral patterns and into achievement academically and socially.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Rose Walsh, M.S., LMFT 152819

UCSB Alum & past Isla Vista resident

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Katherine Douglas

From: Hannah Vidmar <hjvidmar@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 4, 2025 10:38 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Mission Isla Vista Partners LP Housing Development - personal letter

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September 4, 2025

To the Santa Barbara Board of Supervisors,

My name is Hannah Vidmar and I was a student at UCSB from 2013 to 2015, then later lived in IV from 2016-2021. I am writing to ask that you deny the appeal to the County Planning Commission Approval of the Mission Isla Vista Partners LP Housing Development and allow this project to move forward.

Denying the potential for this project to move forward would mean less safe and community focused living in Isla Vista. I strongly believe that IV needs more safe and consistent housing that a future development of this land could provide. Holly and Jason Lomelino have a long-standing positive impact in Isla Vista and its students and residences. I have been personally and positively impacted by the work they have done and the community living this organization has provided and overseen.

You don't need to go far to hear or read about the loneliness epidemic or the lack of community, third spaces or opportunities to not just sharpen your mind and body but also a place to feel safe for your identity development/ soul and spiritual development. It seems that enough people are mentioning this and relate to having lost some of this in our ever growing fast paced and interconnected world. As a teacher I have seen and heard the anxious generation topic rise to incredible high as more and more people are speaking about how their lives or children are not going in a direction that will bring more health and maturity of the next generation. The best of life doesn't just happen with our screens but with the people living closest to you. Without safe and community focused living, the norm is strongly pushing to stay isolated, and to stay comfortable by not relying on those around you but rather solely on the convenience of technology. What is the antidote for this? I believe now more than ever it has to be community and a push to live life not just online but holistically connected to the place, environment, and community around you so you can grow to find beauty and meaning in life. As a young adult in Isla Vista this is what I found in Holly and Jason's organization, and something I believe they will continue to value and create in IV. Holly and Jason and their organization has modeled this holistic lifestyle for me and it has greatly enriched my life and career in countless ways. I am a more capable, healthy, empathetic, and well-rounded person because of the community and safety that I had to learn and grow with people of all backgrounds and walks of life. I discovered the depth and beauty of friendship and community and figuring out life with people who might think or believe differently than me. We had the freedom and space together to do life, work out conflicts, and discover our values that helped shape us in our future as adults.

One of my favorite writers says, "be famous for five miles" meaning in an age when young people are pressured more and more to share online and get a level of fame or create an online community that doesn't actually provide in ways a community should, we should instead shift our focus to just be known within a five mile radius. It is turning away from the need to have everyone's approval or attention and being content and at peace with the support and awareness of the community around us, whether that be our housemate (god knows we as students in IV had a lot of them), our neighbors, classmates, professors, or our coop employees. Isla Vista isn't five miles long (it actually isn't even 1 full square mile but closer to half a square mile) and is

often famous for being a perfect place for crazy parties where underage drinking is allowed, but Jason and Holly Lomelino and this organization have lived in and loved Isla Vista, making it for me and so many others, famous for being a perfect place for authentic community.

I am unaware of all the details that are in place with development and the city, but during the meeting please take into consideration Jason and Holly's thoughts for development and support them in a peaceful and promising outcome.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Hannah Vidmar
UCSB Alum & past Isla Vista resident

Katherine Douglas

From: Christian Smith <christianjsmith11@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 4, 2025 11:10 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Re: Support for Mission Isla Vista Partners LP Housing Development

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.

Dear Members of the Santa Barbara Board of Supervisors,

My name is Christian Smith, and I am a proud UCSB alumnus (2004–2008, Mechanical Engineering). While at UCSB, I co-founded TrackR through the Technology Management Program, helping to grow it from a student project into a company with more than 100 employees and \$50 million in revenue. My 14 years in Santa Barbara shaped my life deeply, and I am grateful to have given back to the community as a student, resident, & business owner.

I am writing to respectfully urge you to **deny the appeal** of the County Planning Commission's approval for the Mission Isla Vista Partners LP Housing Development and allow this project to move forward.

This project is more than housing—it is about strengthening the Isla Vista community. I can personally attest to the impact this project will have in Isla Vista. In 2005, at the end of my freshman year, I lost my mother to breast cancer. I was devastated. The following month, when moving into the Mission Isla Vista community home, I found support that was nothing short of life-saving. Surrounded by caring peers and mentors, I was able to process grief in a healthy way rather than turn to the destructive patterns of substance abuse that are all too common in Isla Vista. Many of the friendships and values I gained through Mission Isla Vista have endured to this day.

Since 2014, I have continued to support Mission Isla Vista as a nonprofit because I have witnessed its ongoing positive influence. Jason and Holly Lomelino, along with countless student leaders, have cultivated a culture of service, sobriety, and community care. The organization was there for Isla Vista in some of the horrific events in the past 10 years. From handing out hamburgers to mentoring peers, their work consistently provides students with a constructive alternative to the harmful cycles that too often take root in Isla Vista.

This development offers Mission Isla Vista the physical hub to continue its vital work. It represents a long-term investment in a healthier, more resilient community for students and residents alike.

I respectfully ask you vote the Mission Isla Vista Partners LP Housing Development to proceed, just as the 3 story affordable housing complex was approved ([Link](#)). By doing so, you will contribute to a positive legacy for Isla Vista—one built on care, community, and hope.

Thank you for your service and for considering this important step for our county's future.

Sincerely,
Christian Smith

UCSB Alum, 2004–2008, Isla Vista Resident
Co-Founder, TrackR | Santa Barbara Business Owner

Sent via [Superhuman](#)

Katherine Douglas

From: Monty Minchin <montyminchinjr@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, September 5, 2025 2:39 AM
To: sbcob
Subject: Isla Vista Housing Development

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To the Santa Barbara Board of Supervisors,

Hi, my name is Monty Minchin. I was a student at UCSB from 2016 to 2020 and am writing this email to ask that you deny the appeal to the County Planning Commission Approval of the Mission Isla Vista Partners LP Housing Development and allow this project to be built.

I think this project should go through because I know Isla Vista residents would benefit from more housing like this. In my four years at UCSB really benefited from living in community housing overseen by the Lomelino family and Mission Isla Vista.

Their mentorship to me during college was so important as I navigated life away from home and family for the first time. I struggled with drinking and side effects that came with that lifestyle and being a part of a healthy community that they helped create led me to focus on the more important things in life and thrive as a student at UCSB. As a child of divorce it was really helpful to see a healthy marriage and have older voices in my life during a time when all my community was people my age trying to figure out life. I hope more people can experience the benefits of the housing and care that their organization provides. I know that what they are doing helped me and my friends thrive while living in Isla Vista and be a healthy part of the UCSB community. Thank you for taking the time to read this email and considering the similar impact this project could have in other students lives.

Sincerely,

Monty Minchin
A UCSB Alum & past Isla Vista resident

Katherine Douglas

From: Krissy Mason <kjeanmason@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, September 5, 2025 8:30 AM
To: sbcob
Subject: Isla Vista

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To the Santa Barbara Board of Supervisors,

My name is Krissy Mason and I was a student at SBCC from 2006-2009 J. I am writing to ask that you deny the appeal to the County Planning Commission Approval of the Mission Isla Vista Partners LP Housing Development and allow this project to be built.

The reason I am asking that this project be pushed through is because I believe Isla Vista needs more housing like this, as I have personally been impacted by the work of Mission Isla Vista and Jason and Holly Lomelino and community living overseen by this organization.

The community with Holly and Jason is an established organization in the city of IV. It's a haven in a dark place. It gives rest to students whose only other options for recreation are to involve themselves in reckless behavior and debauchery. I was one of those students. I desperately needed a people group that had alternative ideas of recreation in a college town. This community taught me what a real relationship consisted of. Relationships that helped relieve the endless pressures of working and academic performance. Instead of coming home from a long day of classes and binge drinking, you came home to a family. People who would show up again and again with unconditional support. This community was a pillar for many, and I saw over and over again students turn away from dangerous and illegal behaviors and turn towards intimate, deep connections that the structure of this organization provided. There are several opportunities to serve a bigger picture of creating a more peaceful town. My life has been forever changed by what Holly and Jason provide for the city of IV. It brought me personal health and wellness, options of friends and community away from drugs and alcohol. The community provided opportunities to be involved in serving the city of IV rather than to just consume from it and leave. Holly and Jason truly want to make Isla Vista a better place and train up generations to participate in that vision long term.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Krissy Mason
SBCC Alum & past Isla Vista resident

Katherine Douglas

From: Ava Ames, LMFT <therapy@avaames.com>
Sent: Friday, September 5, 2025 9:32 AM
To: sbcob
Subject: Letter to Deny the Appeal to the County Planning Commission Approval of the Mission Isla Vista Partners LP Housing Development

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To the Santa Barbara Board of Supervisors,

My name is Ava Ames and I was a student at UCSB from 2009 to 2012. I am writing to ask that you deny the appeal to the County Planning Commission Approval of the Mission Isla Vista Partners LP Housing Development and allow this project to be built.

The reason I am asking that this project be pushed through is because I believe Isla Vista needs more housing like this, as I have personally been impacted by the work of Mission Isla Vista and Jason and Holly Lomelino and community living overseen by this organization.

During my time at UCSB, I was searching for a community that would support my personal growth and academic success. I found Jason Lomelino's service-oriented organization, and becoming involved helped me through a very difficult period with my mental health and the party culture so common in Isla Vista. That experience gave me lifelong friends and mentors who had an incredibly positive influence on the person I am today.

Now, I'm in private practice as a psychotherapist, and I know that without the grounding and support I received during that time, I wouldn't be where I am today, professionally devoted to supporting the mental health of others.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Ava Ames,

UCSB Alum & past Isla Vista resident



Ava Ames, LMFT (she/her)

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Please find attached a letter for the Board of Supervisors.
Thank you kindly for your consideration.

Sincerely,

-- Demis D. John, PhD.

September 5, 2025

To the Santa Barbara Board of Supervisors,

My name is Demis D. John. I came to UCSB in 2005 as a graduate student, have lived in Goleta ever since, and have a 15 year old son who has grown up in our wonderful town of Goleta.

I am writing to ask that you **deny the appeal** to the County Planning Commission Approval of the **Mission Isla Vista Partners LP Housing Development**, and approve this project to be built.

I have spent the last 10-15 years working to improve the economic outcomes for local Goleta and Santa Barbara residents. Our area houses some of the most heartbreaking childhoods and poverty, despite being a powerhouse of high-tech, wealth and non-profit missions. In fact I believe I first met Supervisor Laura Capps in 2022 at a related Google Quantum AI meeting to develop local high-tech pathways, one of my many efforts in promoting local high-tech careers.

I kindly request that this project be approved. The Mission Isla Vista group is one of the most diverse aid groups I have seen in our city, ready to help everyone in the city regardless of their backgrounds, attitudes or even their response. We have personally seen how the Mission Isla Vista (MIV) teams have positive impacts on many young adults, at critical moments in their lives. Many of these young adults have come from similarly devastating backgrounds in our city, and MIV's interventions have actually prevented the continuation of negative outcomes for a number of our local residents - outcomes we have personally observed.

Isla Vista needs more housing projects like this, that focus on positive community impact, which is often in contrast to typical housing development. I sincerely believe this development will increase the positive impact on UCSB students and local residents, and help our cities to thrive.

Thank you sincerely for considering my opinion, I appreciate all you do for our region!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Demis D. John', with a stylized, flowing script.

Demis D. John, PhD

UCSB Staff, Scientist at the UCSB Nanofab

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