

July 10, 2016

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

re: 14CDH-00000-00014 (Olsten Montecito Trust) 1154 Channel Drive, Santa Barbara

Dear Chairman Adams and Supervisors:

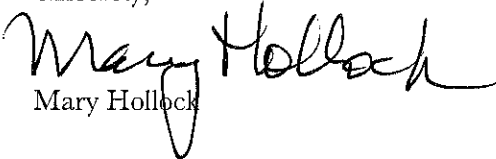
My husband and I moved to Santa Barbara in 2015 lured here by the natural beauty of the setting and the lovely pace of the community. Since landing here, we have spent as much time as we can along Channel Drive, walking and talking and enjoying the beach. The value of Channel Drive as a jewel of Santa Barbara County is obvious to all that visit that area.

My guests are thrilled to join us along Channel Drive during the day for recreation and in the evening to enjoy the night sky and view the City of Santa Barbara from afar. I have reviewed the most recent plans that are the subject of this appeal and was surprised to find they still include the huge second story and tons of oversized windows. It seems obvious from the story poles that this second story would adversely affect the mountain views from Channel Drive putting a damper on the amazing ocean to mountain feel of Channel Drive. The existing second story already sticks out like a sore thumb- doubling the impact is not a good design.

We wholeheartedly support the Planning Commission's decision to deny the proposed project and require the owners to reduce the second story and create a project they can love and that will not harm the neighborhood and the entire Santa Barbara community. We truly believe a better project is readily available for this property!

After spending 30 years in the urban setting of Dallas, Texas we came to Santa Barbara to embrace the relaxed atmosphere of the culture and enjoy the beauty that truly transcends even it's international reputation. Please continue to protect Santa Barbara for us and all those that value our community.

Sincerely,


Mary Hollock