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General Public Comment

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Sent: Thursday, April 9, 2026 9:11 AM
To: Laura Capps
Cc: Chris Henson; Daniela Aguirre; Eleanor Gartner; sbcob; Kelsey Buttitta
Subject: Community Concerns Regarding La Posada and Hollister Avenue Developments
Attachments: Police calls Jan.pdf

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Dear Ms. Capps,

I am writing to share serious and growing concerns regarding the county-supported housing developments along Hollister Avenue and their cumulative impact on the surrounding community. While we recognize and appreciate the original intent behind La Posada and Hollister Lofts, the current location and operational realities of these projects are creating significant safety and quality-of-life issues that warrant immediate attention.

La Posada, located at 4500 Hollister Avenue, operates as a temporary housing site for individuals experiencing homelessness, with a capacity of 96 beds in partnership with DignityMoves and the County Board of Supervisors. As currently structured, the program does not require drug testing or background checks for residents. Law enforcement responses to the site have been frequent. Please see the attached police report. When I requested a broader history, I was informed that the volume was too extensive, and that even a single month provides a representative snapshot of activity. This does not include offsite calls in the area.

Community concern has been further heightened by a recent violent incident involving the stabbing of a sheriff's deputy at this location, as reported by Noozhawk, which is contributing to a growing sense of unease among nearby residents. [Deputy Recovering from Stab Wounds After Violent Encounter in Goleta Valley | Local News | Noozhawk](#)

In addition, there are daily observations that raise concern. Students from La Colina Junior High regularly use public transit stops directly across from La Posada, where groups of youth wait for the bus. The surrounding area has seen an increase in transient activity, including carts, debris, and behavior that raises concerns.

Beyond individual incidents, there are persistent quality-of-life impacts. When individuals are removed from the site, they often relocate into adjacent neighborhoods, shifting the burden rather than resolving it.

Hollister Lofts, currently under construction at 4580 Hollister Avenue, will add approximately 35 units of permanent supportive housing. While we support efforts to address homelessness, the limitations on tenant screening—particularly the inability to require drug testing or mental health evaluations—further compound concern about concentrating multiple projects of this nature in one immediate area.

The location of these developments is especially troubling given their proximity to numerous youth-serving facilities, including Page Youth Center, Discovery Learning Center, The Learning Den Daycare, Vieja Valley Elementary School, San Marcos High School, Hollister Elementary School, and El Camino Elementary School. This is a dense, family-oriented neighborhood where children are consistently present throughout the day.

To be clear, these concerns are raised with respect for the important work being done to support vulnerable populations. However, the siting of these projects—adjacent to schools, childcare centers, and heavily trafficked youth areas—combined with current operational constraints, makes this location inappropriate and unsustainable for the surrounding community.

Given your long-standing support of the Page Youth Center and commitment to this community, we hope you will also recognize and empathize with the growing concerns of local families. We respectfully request guidance on what options may exist to revisit, reevaluate, or mitigate the impacts of this location, and how the community can formally engage in that process.

We consider this a matter of urgency for the safety and well-being of our children and neighborhood. I look forward to your response.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Sincerely,

Amy Devers

Incident	Case Numbers	Units	Priority	Problem	Agency	Address	City	Response Date
SBSO260000323	3514, 3556	P2		802 Trespass/Refusing Law to Leave		4500 Hollister Av	Santa Barbara	1/2/2026 9:57
SBSO260001633	P93	P1		Probation Check		4500 HOLLISTER AV	Santa Barbara	1/6/2026 14:49
SBSO260001840	P101	P1		Probation Check		4500 Hollister Av	Santa Barbara	1/7/2026 7:45
SBSO260002341	P93	P1		Probation Check		4500 Hollister Av	Santa Barbara	1/8/2026 12:18
SBSO260003081		P4		Medical - TX to RCC		4500 Hollister Av	Santa Barbara	1/10/2026 15:17
SBSO260003173	26000286	3533, 3534	P1	Outside Agency Assist - Any		4500 Hollister Av	Santa Barbara	1/10/2026 22:17
SBSO260003616	3514	P4		Phone Request		4500 Hollister Av	Santa Barbara	1/12/2026 15:10
SBSO260004133	35X2	P1		Field Interview/PR Contact		4500 Hollister Av	Santa Barbara	1/14/2026 9:04
SBSO260004611	P164	P1		Probation Check		4500 HOLLISTER AV	Santa Barbara	1/15/2026 11:35
SBSO260004616	3514, 35X2	P1		Field Interview/PR Contact		4500 Hollister Av	Santa Barbara	1/15/2026 11:45
SBSO260004880	260000438	3565, 3566, 35S4, 35X4	T	TRAFFIC STOP		4500 Hollister Av	Santa Barbara	1/16/2026 3:12
SBSO260005440	35F1, F17, F30	P1		Outside Agency Assist - Any		4500 Hollister Av	Santa Barbara	1/17/2026 14:20
SBSO260006118	3565, 3566	P3		Premise Checks All		4500 Hollister Av	Santa Barbara	1/19/2026 23:39
SBSO260006121	26000577	3565, 3566	P3	Premise Checks All		4500 Hollister Av	Santa Barbara	1/19/2026 23:53
SBSO260006130	3565, 3566	P3		Premise Checks All		4500 Hollister Av	Santa Barbara	1/20/2026 0:31
SBSO260006214	26000596	3513, 3556	T	TRAFFIC STOP		4500 Hollister Av	Santa Barbara	1/20/2026 9:42
SBSO260006292		P4		Fire - TX to RFCC		4500 Hollister Av	Santa Barbara	1/20/2026 11:10
SBSO260006449		P170	P1	Probation Check		4500 Hollister Av	Santa Barbara	1/20/2026 14:04

CALLS FOR SERVICE
4500 HOLLISTER AV

01/01/2026 TO 03/05/2026

SBSO260006691	P4	Medical - TX to RFCC	Law	4500 Hollister Av	Santa Barbara	1/21/2026 3:25
SBSO260007055	P105	Probation Check	Law	4500 Hollister Av	Santa Barbara	1/21/2026 19:28
SBSO260007272	P1	911 Follow-Ups	Law	4500 Hollister Av	Santa Barbara	1/22/2026 14:18
SBSO260007279	P1	911 Follow-Ups	Law	4500 Hollister Av	Santa Barbara	1/22/2026 14:20
SBSO260007280	P1	911 Follow-Ups	Law	4500 Hollister Av	Santa Barbara	1/22/2026 14:21
SBSO260007342	P93	Probation Check	Law	4500 Hollister Av	Santa Barbara	1/22/2026 16:48
SBSO260007631	T	TRAFFIC STOP	Law	4500 Hollister Av	Santa Barbara	1/23/2026 15:47
SBSO260008387	3513, 3556	Outside Agency Asses - Any	Law	4500 Hollister Av	Santa Barbara	1/26/2026 9:06
SBSO260008388	P4	Medical - TX to RFCC	Law	4500 Hollister Av	Santa Barbara	1/26/2026 9:05
SBSO260008385	3513, 3556	Field Interview/PR Contact	Law	4500 Hollister Av	Santa Barbara	1/26/2026 9:34
SBSO260008609	3555, 35X2	Field Interview/PR Contact	Law	4500 Hollister Av	Santa Barbara	1/26/2026 22:06
SBSO260008694	P4	Medical - TX to RFCC	Law	4500 Hollister Av	Santa Barbara	1/27/2026 9:21
SBSO260009302	P105	Probation Check	Law	4500 Hollister Av	Santa Barbara	1/28/2026 16:11
SBSO260009491	P93	Probation Check	Law	4500 Hollister Av	Santa Barbara	1/29/2026 10:28
SBSO260009511	P110	Probation Check	Law	4500 Hollister Av	Santa Barbara	1/29/2026 10:57
SBSO260010224	P3	Animal	Law	4500 Hollister Av	Santa Barbara	1/31/2026 9:33
SBSO260010270	35X2	Field Interview/PR Contact	Law	4500 Hollister Av	Santa Barbara	1/31/2026 12:30
SBSO260011116	P4	Medical - TX to RFCC	Law	4500 Hollister Av	Santa Barbara	2/2/2026 23:56
SBSO260012747	P4	Medical - TX to RFCC	Law	4500 Hollister Av	Santa Barbara	2/7/2026 8:12
SBSO260013825	3556	Phone Request	Law	4500 Hollister Av	Santa Barbara	2/7/2026 13:07

CALLS FOR SERVICE
4500 HOLLISTER AV

01/01/2026 TO 03/05/2026

SBSO260014010	3533	P3	Suspicious Circumstances	Law	4500 Hollister Av	Santa Barbara	2/10/2026 23:55
SBSO260014057	260001365	31CIV1	Civil Issues or Service	Law	4500 Hollister Av	Santa Barbara	2/11/2026 8:01
SBSO260014220	35WOC	P4	Reports - All	Law	4500 Hollister Av	Santa Barbara	2/11/2026 16:15
SBSO260014785	3514, 3556	P1	Warrant Arrest or Service	Law	4500 Hollister Av	Santa Barbara	2/13/2026 9:20
SBSO260015095	3534, 3566, 35X4	P3	Suspicious Circumstances	Law	4500 Hollister Av	Santa Barbara	2/14/2026 2:16
SBSO260015536	P164	P1	Probation Check	Law	4500 Hollister Av	Santa Barbara	2/18/2026 14:41
SBSO260016602	P114	P1	Probation Check	Law	4500 HOLLISTER AV	Santa Barbara	2/19/2026 10:42
SBSO260016644		P1	911 Follow-Ups	Law	4500 Hollister Av	Santa Barbara	2/19/2026 21:47
SBSO260016883	3565, 3566	P3	Premise Checks All	Law	4500 Hollister Av	Santa Barbara	2/20/2026 1:12
SBSO260017614	3568	T	TRAFFIC STOP	Law	4500 Hollister Av	Santa Barbara	2/21/2026 22:09
SBSO260017967	3555, 3558	P1	Persons Crimes - All other	Law	4500 Hollister Av	Santa Barbara	2/23/2026 13:26
SBSO260018410	P111	P1	Probation Check	Law	4500 Hollister Av	Santa Barbara	2/24/2026 14:13
SBSO260019360	3568	T	TRAFFIC STOP	Law	4500 Hollister Av	Santa Barbara	2/26/2026 21:21
SBSO260019400	3565, 3568	P2	602 Trespass/Refusing Law to Leave	Law	4500 Hollister Av	Santa Barbara	2/27/2026 1:06
SBSO260021942	P93	P1	Probation Check	Law	4500 Hollister Av	Santa Barbara	3/3/2026 14:37