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Chairman Joe Centeno  
Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors  
105 E. Anapamu Street  
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

**Re: Long-Range Planning Division 2009 – 2010 Annual Work Plan and Mid Year Report for Land Use Planning Projects and Policy Initiatives**

Dear Chairman Centeno and Members of the Board of Supervisors,

The California Coastal Protection Network (CCPN) supports the Planning Commission's prioritization of the Gaviota Rural Regional Plan and the Climate Action Strategy.

The Gaviota Plan offers an important opportunity to bring together stakeholders and ensure coordinated planning for this unique, sensitive and threatened stretch of scenic coastline.

The Climate Action Strategy must be a county-wide priority because global climate change, sea level rise and ocean acidification threaten our coastline and the ocean food web. Many California counties are already ahead of Santa Barbara in preparing Climate Action Strategies.

Both the Gaviota Plan and the Climate Action Strategy must be adequately funded. As proposed, they are not. The County should consider restructuring Long Range Planning to free up funding for priority planning projects, and reinitiating a grant program for Long Range Planning Projects starting with the Gaviota Plan and Climate Action Strategy.

Thank you for considering these comments.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Susan Jordan". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish at the end.

Susan Jordan, Director