

To: Santa Barbara County Supervisors/Clerk of the Board  
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The Proposed La Purisima Resort project would be a great addition to our county resources. It is located at an existing private facility golf course and would be a tourist destination generating sales taxes, occupancy tax and property tax for the cash strapped county.

It is NOT on "actual" agricultural land. No agriculture has been practiced there for many years.

The Tularosa housing development surrounding the proposed project has already set the precedent for urban development in that area.

The company has every right to develop its land as it sees fit. The assertion that it would be leapfrog development and ruining the "quality of life" is sheer nonsense and fear mongering. The reference to Orange County "hodgepodge" by some is typical of the NIMBY no-growther mentality and tactics.

Over 85% of Santa Barbara County is empty and rural.

The proposed project fits well with the fast developing winery business along that same Route 246 corridor.

We strongly support the development of this project because the property owners have the right to do so, it fits the urbanization of the area and it would be beneficial to the county business, rather than raising our taxes to pay for ever-growing County employee benefits.

These are the kinds of new businesses, low impact projects that we should be promoting in the future also in other areas of the county. Please support the "Study Phase" of this promising project at your Tuesday Meeting in Santa Maria.

Concerned Taxpayers, I.N.C.

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