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Subject: O'Neil Residence Variance, Item 5, November 3, 2015 Hearing

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Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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RE: O'Neil Residence Variance, Item 5, November 3, 2015 Hearing

Dear Board Members:

I am in support of granting Jeff O'Neil a variance for his project in Summerland. I have lived on the hillside above the O'Neil property for more than 40 years, and have been an active member of the Summerland community for more than three decades.

Currently, I am the Vice President of the Summerland Citizens Association (SCA) and have been a board member many times over the years. I was appointed to the Summerland Community Plan Advisory Committee by Supervisor Carbajal, am a former member of SCA's BAR, and joined the Surfrider Foundation's national board when we had just over 400 members and met in the founder's mother's living room. I am actively involved in planning and environmental issues countywide, particularly along the Gaviota Coast and Loon Point areas.

My support for the O'Neil project appeals to the discretionary aspects of your authority and judgment. I am aware that the issues surrounding construction of a residence on this site are highly technical and complex, as well as unique, and that development constraints may be severe. Regardless, I hope you will do your very best to grant him permission to construct his home. I believe a county approved residence on this site can be consistent with Summerland's architectural guidelines as well as our community goals, and will be a pleasing, much appreciated addition to our eclectic, evolving community. The O'Neil residence is likely the best opportunity for this central, prominent site to be improved and fitted back into the fabric of Summerland.

A variance now is clearly the fairest resolution for Mr. O'Neil. He has been a longtime, active member of the Summerland community and has contributed generously of his time and resources. Summerland is indeed so much better because of that. I believe the O'Neil property and our ocean frontage will be better too with his new home on the bluff at the foot of our charming town.

Sincerely,

Reeve Woolpert