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RE: Proposed Ordinance Amendments to Chapter 23 Raising Speed Limits,  
Board Hearing of November 3, 2009

Dear Supervisors:

The Montecito Association is concerned about the safety consequences of raising the speed limit on Middle Road from 30 to 35 miles per hour. We understand that the County is subject to specific legal requirements related to posted speed limits and enforcement. However, we do not believe that raising the speed limit is appropriate on this unclassified residential street.

Middle Road is a residential street fronted by single-family homes. It does not have sidewalks and is used by pedestrians and bicyclists to access the commercial area to the south. Furthermore, because there are several elementary school bus stops on that road, we are concerned that raising the speed limit based upon the speed study could create a more serious safety hazard for children than already exists.

Thank you for considering these comments.

Sincerely,

Peter van Duinwyk, President