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COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA
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Board of Supervisors, Santa Barbara County

I request a 60 day continuance on the proposal to increase the membership of the Santa Maria Cemetery District from three to five members for the following reasons:

1. The current controversy over the selling of memorial bricks that cost \$18.00 inscribed and selling for \$100.00 with space for over 2,000 bricks should be resolved prior to making any change in the composition of the Trustees.
2. The financial procedure to sell the bricks, payable to a tax deductible church and passing the money to a private organization (not a private non-profit) may constitute an unintended money laundering problem. No detailed financial statement has been submitted to the Trustees for them to take proper action on this matter.
3. All cemetery district should be increased to 5 members concurrently. To single out the Santa Maria Cemetery District at this time creates a perception that the trustees appointed by the Board are acting improperly. These public servants deserves adequate time to correct possible misuse of public land and funds.
4. The three member board has been in existence over 90 years without the need for change. A delay of 60 days would not adversely affect the public interest.
5. I will not be able to attend the May 13 meeting, but I hope the reasons stated are self-explanatory.

Your consideration on this request is appreciated.

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