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**From:** Robert La Cava <surfrjl@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 21, 2022 6:09 AM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** ROCKY NOOK PARK

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Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors  
c/o Clerk of the Board  
123 E. Anapamu St.  
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

RE: I SUPPORT COUNTY HISTORIC LANDMARK STATUS FOR ROCKY NOOK PARK

Dear Honorable Supervisors: Joan Hartman, Chair; Das Williams, Vice chair, Laura Capps, Bob Nelson and Steve Lavagnino,

Please vote in favor of making Rocky Nook Park a County Historic Landmark. It is the County's compliment to the City's Mission Historical Park, but more complete as the natural/cultural history time line is shown authentically going backwards and forwards from the time of contact in 1782. This landscape is still so natural.

I am of Chumash descent. I am part of the Barbareño Band of Chumash Indians.

Rocky Nook Park is our ancestral land with a place name of "Axtayuxash", place of the wild cherries. Cherry trees still exist here in their natural setting. It's known that the ancestors gathered there to collect wild cherries.

The natural landscape of the park conveys the feeling of Chumash time on the land - The natural stream with wildlife and associated plants and oak woodland trees were important to the ancestor's way of life. Stories that tell of the great flood may be describing the abundance of huge boulders strewn all around the Park.

The spiritual feeling of the ancients can be felt in the park. The many descendants in SB as well as all visitors to the park appreciate the peacefulness of being in nature. Landmark status would give a better appreciation for its value. The Chumash community is eagerly awaiting this long overdue honor for the park.

The Chumash period is just one historical period represented but may be the most important period with important values and influence today.

Chumash made aqueduct remnants remain as an archeological site in the park. Historic Landmark status gives this extra protection as well.

Thank you for your consideration.

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I am a third generation Santa Barbara and an artist who, at this time in my life, is creating painted rocks inspired by the Chumash legends, oral history, and stories that come from their explanations of the world in which they lived. They were in touch with nature. As an artist I have been too. Rocky Nook Park is a place that still contains the Chumash spirit. It was, after all, their ancestral land. This is a public park that still exists almost intact as the Chumash land would have been before European development. This is a treasure and inspiration for more oral histories and artistic creativity.

The old oak trees bending across paths and caressing the ancient giant debris flow boulders in the public Rocky Nook Park, create designs as the light moves during the day. The land has a timeless feeling that is important to keep and protect, especially since it has been lost nearly everywhere near urban areas. The aesthetic unity of Rocky Nook is valuable and should be recognized. Places like this are needed for thoughtfulness and creativity.

Please make Rocky Nook Park a County Historic Landmark. It is an essential part of the human and natural story of Santa Barbara. It should have been recognized as part of Mission Historical Park decades ago.

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**From:** Robert La Cava <freebirdblc@gmail.com>  
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