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General Public Comment - Group 1



**From:** C Colao <colaodesign@sbcglobal.net>  
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**Subject:** Santa Barbara -- an Up and Coming District of Los Angeles?  
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Dear Members of the City Council, Mayor Rowse, Board of Supervisors, Assemblymember Hart, Senator Limón, and Governor Newsom,

I respect your busy schedules and will keep this as concise and to the point as I can. Please indulge me in reading through this with your utmost attention.

Sluggish action and missed deadlines, to submit plans for housing element requirements, sure got us in a non-compliant pickle. Because of this we have development plans, bolstered by the impending use of the Builder's Remedy, to fast track through the review process and bypass CEQA reviews. This fast-tracked push for development is causing much angst amongst residents who fear that neighborhoods, sense of community, and quality of life is threatened.

I am not a NIMBY and realize the mandate for more housing will not ebb. I support the projects that will be most effective with as little disruption as possible. I have been reading about other areas in the state. The most successful, and supported, areas for development are near transit hubs — busses, trains, ferries and BART (in some areas), and areas where there is retail/restaurants for people to walk to or Uber or Lyft, taxis, etc. to get to and from these, more utilized, areas.

Therefore, I support the under-utilized La Cumbre/Hope "Neighborhood" project development, for one, because it will provide the ability to walk to shopping, restaurants, etc and easy access to public transportation.

**However, our Historic Mission Canyon, a most sacred area in Santa Barbara, is jeopardized.** I am, specifically, referring to the significant historic property that was once a religious retreat called Mount Calvary Monastery at 505 E. Los Olivos (APN 025-150-009). The preliminary plans, applied for under SB330 (the Builders Remedy), plans to demolish the existing structures and landscape. It will cause irreparable damage to this special and beloved area. It is now owned by an out-of-town entity (LA developers Craig and Stephanie Smith) who propose to demolish two stately homes and replace with two large apartment buildings totaling 560 units. This property is listed on the City's Historic Resources List and Historic Cultural Landscapes. The whole of the property is of Historic Landmark caliber and is one of the ever-disappearing places left, in our city, that is unique, warming our souls with its rustic and natural beauty.

This property and area around the Old Mission needs — no, demands — preservation. Furthermore, the proposed project will add a significant number of cars on narrow roads as this area is car-dependent and, because of limited parking requirements within the development, will overflow onto neighborhood streets not equipped for this barrage of cars and population. The destruction of the area's history, the addition of cars and limited parking, is only scratching the surface of the negative impacts this area will undoubtedly face. Most importantly Mission Canyon is a high fire area and a development of this size will make evacuation nearly impossible.

I would hope that the city governing members — the stewards of this precious land — and the State of California will respect and preserve the historic area of the Old Mission and its environs. **I ask that you make it so by exempting this property from the damaging Builder's Remedy.**

Please do not allow Santa Barbara to be destroyed and lose its unique character.

Save our sacred and beautiful Mission Canyon from the interests of developers!

With respect,

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**From:** Marcy Winograd <winogradteach@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, January 26, 2024 1:41 PM  
**To:** Marcy Winograd  
**Subject:** Press Release: Central Coast Antiwar Coalition Applauds World Court Order for Israel to Stop Genocide in Gaza--Coalition calls for Carbajal's resignation for his complicity in the slaughter

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**Central Coast Antiwar Coalition Applauds World Court Order for Israel to Stop Genocide in Gaza--Coalition calls for Carbajal's resignation for his complicity in the slaughter**

The Central Coast Antiwar Coalition appreciates the World Court's preliminary ruling in South Africa v. Israel in which the Court, while stopping short of calling for a ceasefire, ordered Israel to stop all acts leading to genocide and immediately allow humanitarian aid to address the unfolding human catastrophe.

Coalition co-chairs Omar Figueredo and Marcy Winograd call for Carbajal's immediate resignation, citing his recent signature on a disturbing congressional letter to President Biden that reads, "South Africa has filed a grossly unfounded case against Israel to immediately halt its military efforts in Gaza."

Winograd pointed out Carbajal was wrong in the eyes of the World Court and lacked an understanding of international law. "We deserve a representative who upholds our treaty obligations, not one who undermines them to aid and abet genocide," said Winograd. "It is time for Carbajal to find another job and do no harm."

The Court said Palestinians are a protected group under the Genocide Convention and Israel must immediately stop killing or harming them. While the Court did not use the term ceasefire, legal experts argue there is no way to implement the provisional measures without a ceasefire.

South Africa had asked the Court to give Israel one week to report on its compliance with the International Court of Justice ruling, but instead the Court shockingly granted Israel another month. "Another month of genocide that has already surpassed 112 days is untenable," said Omar Figueredo, co-chair of the Coalition.

"The world must demand immediate compliance before another child is buried, another journalist killed, another hospital destroyed in the ongoing ethnic cleansing of Palestine," Figueredo continued. "The ICJ's ruling makes clear that all contracting parties, including including Congressman Salud Carbajal and Senator Alex Padilla, must meet their obligation under the genocide convention to prevent and punish Israel's destruction of Gaza. They must call for an immediate ceasefire."

Figueredo, along with Palestinian American Halima Sophia Fadila of Santa Barbara, recently confronted Carbajal at his town hall in Arroyo Grande.

At the town hall, Fadila repeatedly begged Carbajal to support a ceasefire but he refused. "Carbajal's support for genocide which he could not accurately define made me realize how uninformed and insensitive he is locally and globally," said Fadila who added "Carbajal demonstrates a lack of respect for his constituents who want peace."

"Carbajal's refusal to support a ceasefire and his lobbying for another \$14 billion for Israel's military makes him an outlaw on the international stage," said Helena Pasquarella, a peace candidate and coalition member from Ojai who is running against Carbajal for Congress in the Tuesday, March 5th election. "The Central Coast deserves better representation," said Pasquarella.

The ruling—backed by an overwhelming majority of the judges—invokes Article II of the UN Genocide Convention to order Israel to end its slaughter and deprivation of water and food to 2.3 million Palestinians struggling to survive amidst Israel's genocidal military campaign.

In the aftermath of the Court ruling, the Coalition again demands the Biden administration and Congress immediately cut military funding for Israel's crimes of genocide, noting the Court reminded parties to the treaty of their responsibility to prevent genocide.

"For Congressman Carbajal to support a mere pause violates the World Court's ruling," said Winograd, adding, "A pause is a few sips of water before thousands more are annihilated in Gaza."

The Central Coast Antiwar Coalition is a partner of the antiwar organization CODEPINK, which vows to continue its World Court Campaign with grassroots peace delegations across the country encouraging other nations to issue declarations in support of South Africa's case. Santa Barbara's Marcy Winograd is co-coordinator of the campaign anchored in a dozen cities, where activists are visiting UN missions, embassies and consulates to press for countries to publish denunciations of Israel's genocide in Gaza and submit declarations in support of Israel at the ICJ..

Israel lost in Court today and must be judged as a pariah state for its ethnic cleansing of Palestine: carpet bombing Gaza, killing over 25,000 people, over 10,000 of them children, wounding over 63,000 and displacing an estimated two million people.

"The world owes a debt of gratitude and respect to South Africa for holding Israel accountable," said Figueredo. "Similarly, this ruling validates the efforts of the Yemenis to hold Israel and the U.S. to account by blocking Israel-bound or affiliated vessels in the Red Sea. Now it is up to us in the U.S., in Santa Barbara, to hold our own representatives accountable for their complicity in Israel's crimes and to affirm the courage of activists like the Cal Poly 8 in San Luis Obispo who were arrested for protesting university recruitment for the weapons industry. In so doing, the CalPoly 8 placed their own liberty in jeopardy to end the genocide in Gaza and to end the U.S. government's complicity."

Ceasefire now and lift the siege!

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**From:** clintgb <clintgb@protonmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, January 29, 2024 9:48 AM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Why is the County still promoting Covid 19 injections?

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Over 20,000 deaths and hundreds of thousands of injuries due to Covid 19 injections have been reported to the Vaccine Adverse Events Reporting System (VAERS). <https://vaers.hhs.gov/>. The County is still promoting these injections. Why? Clearly they are dangerous.

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**From:** Katie Kinsella <kinsella.ucla@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, January 29, 2024 10:27 AM  
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**Subject:** Public Comment- Board of Supervisors

**Caution: This email originated from a source outside of the County of Santa Barbara. Do not click links or open attachments unless you verify the sender and know the content is safe.**

Dear Clerk,

The following is my public comment to be distributed to the Board of Supervisors:

As a community leader, I want to urge the Board of Supervisors to pass a resolution supporting a ceasefire in Israel and Palestine to prevent more innocent lives from being lost. While this is not happening directly in our community, I want to emphasize the shared values that we hold locally of peace, human rights, and our great responsibility to speak out against injustice. I share your belief that a strong community presence can truly make a significant impact, so I'm writing to you all today to use my voice in place of others who have been silenced. Thank you for your time and the work you do in our community.

- Katie Kinsella, Community Leader and Advocate