



Sarah Mayer *General Public Comment - Group 1*

From: Debra Eagle <debra@almarosawinery.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 15, 2024 6:04 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: BID for Santa Barbara Vintners Association

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To the Board of Supervisors,

I have been made aware of Mr. Steve Pepe inaccurately representing himself as the voice of the Sta. Rita Hills Wine Alliance in his stance against the BID project that the Santa Barbara Vintners Association is trying to create for funding.

Mr. Pepe closed his winery before the pandemic, after leasing his vineyards to Kendall-Jackson. He really has no horse in this race, and his attacks on the BID in 2019 have deprived us of much-needed funds for developing our wine region. I don't know anyone in the region, as a former board member of the SRHWA, who is agreement with Mr. Pepe. We are surprised that he has decided to revive his fight against regional funding.

Alma Rosa Winery supports the BID as a way of funding the SBVA. Without it, our wine region will continue to lag behind the other wine regions of California, Oregon and indeed much of the world.

I spent 25 years in the wine industry primarily in Napa Valley and relocated to run Alma Rosa, founded by industry godfather Richard Sanford, in 2018. I have continually been surprised at the lack of funding this region lacks for important marketing efforts.

We are in support of Civitas receiving information to make a proposal on a BID for the SBVA.

Debra

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General Public Comment -

From:
To: [Katherine Douglas](#)
Subject: Re: Your Treasury Department
Date: Wednesday, May 15, 2024 8:23:48 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

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Good morning, Ms. Douglas. I had a conversation with Operations Manager, Bryan Fiebert yesterday. Although he was polite and tried to be helpful, he could only give some advice on avoiding problems with lost payments in the future. It is not reasonable to assume that the error lies with the postal delivery. It is just as likely that my property tax payment was lost in the Treasury Department building somewhere along the line with the many handlers there. Yet, I am automatically assessed an excessive penalty with no recourse. Again, I ask the Supervisors to investigate this situation. How many of their constituents are unjustly fined for payments made in good faith where the failure to receive the timely payment is not the fault of the property owner? How many of those constituents are vulnerable seniors? This is local government. "There is nothing we can do," is not an acceptable position. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

On Tuesday, May 14, 2024 at 12:26:24 PM PDT, wrote:

Thank you for responding to my message, Ms. Douglas. Yes, please share my message with the Supervisors. I would think they would have an interest in finding out whether or not this is a pattern of behavior on the part of the Treasury Department. It would not be difficult for them to survey the property owners among their constituents to find out whether or not the Treasury Department assessed penalty fees for "delinquent" payments when the property owners had mailed in a property tax payments in a timely manner.

I shall contact Mr. Fiebert, but if he is the same "Supervisor" I spoke with this morning, he has no interest in being helpful or of service.

Thank you,

On Tuesday, May 14, 2024 at 11:02:45 AM PDT, Katherine Douglas <kdoug@countyofsb.org> wrote:

Good morning,

I am sorry to hear that you had such a negative experience. I reached out to the Treasurer Tax Collector's Office to obtain a contact for you. The Operations Manager, Bryan Fiebert 805-568-2483, will address your concern.

The sbcob email is dedicated mostly to public comment from constituents. Were you intending for your email be shared with the Board as public comment and saved to the public record/online? We are happy to do so if that is your intention. Please let us know.

Respectfully,

Katherine Douglas

Pronouns: She/Her/Hers

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From: Sent: Tuesday, May 14, 2024 9:47 AM
To: sbcob <sbcob@countyofsb.org>
Subject: Your Treasury Department

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I am a long-time Santa Barbara resident. I have a long record of paying my property taxes on-time, in-full. I sent my April, 2024 payment in to your Santa Barbara office well in advance of the due date. The envelope was picked up by the postman. I have

a carbon copy of the check I sent. I just received a notice of "Delinquency" in payment with a \$500 penalty assessment. I call the Treasury Office to inform them that I did, indeed, send the payment and the problem/error was not mine. I spoke to the "Supervisor" of the office. First, you should know that this taxpayer-supported employee was outrageously rude and, quite literally, laughed at my situation. If the Board of Supervisors believes it is acceptable for County employees to treat citizens in this manner, voters should be aware that is your opinion of the worth of the people you are supposed to represent. Second, I would like to know who can apprise me of my legal rights here. No property owner should be penalized for the error of lost mail which most likely occurred in this County office.

Please, inform me regarding the name and contact information for the Supervisor who is responsible for this Department; my zip code is 93105.

Yours truly,

Sarah Mayer

From: Trey Myklebust <treymyk@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 16, 2024 7:55 PM
To: Martin, Jonathan; Schmuckal, Christopher; sbcob; Plowman, Lisa
Subject: Naples Development Public Comment

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Hello Planning department and Supervisors,

The word disappointing doesn't bring justice to the fact that the development of the Gaviota coast is on the docket. I understand and appreciate that landowners have rights and they shouldn't be hamstrung by overregulation, but I urge you to consider the proposal on the table as a tip of the spear in this circumstance as it will be precedent setting.

You have already bowed to the cronies in Sacramento that want more housing in what currently is, and soon to be was, a wonderful county to live in by rezoning our open, agricultural and recreational lands in the Eastern Goleta Valley and West Goleta. Sacramento's intention isn't for affordable housing, it's to allow them to make campaign promises and generate more tax revenues to allow them to continue to overspend on programs that are unnecessary, ineffective, and poorly monitored.

My apologies, enough complaining about the dysfunction in our state capital, please do right and protect our open spaces, wildlife, and beach access by preventing further building on the Gaviota coast. At a minimum, subject the development to the same affordability requirements that we are subjected to on the South Coast. If affordable housing and housing equity means anything to you, this would be a table stakes commitment on your behalf.

Thank you for your continued hard work in supporting our community, please keep it up by making decisions that impact our current and future residents positively.

Trey Myklebust
District 2 Resident

Sarah Mayer

From: Dale Nissenson <dalemft@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, May 17, 2024 9:53 AM
To: sbcob
Subject: Another wonderful retail store bit the dust.

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Wendy Foster is closing, too!

What in the world is the city council going to do to change things about all the empty buildings on State St? How about charging high fines to the landlords every month their buildings are unrented? How else can you motivate landlords to reduce rents so businesses can afford to thrive on State St? Our once beautiful downtown is looking like a ghost town with too many vagrants occupying the door ways.

I'm very disappointed in our local government's leadership. It's about time you all come up with solutions, and soon!

I've lived near downtown Santa Barbara for 25 years and am saddened by its deterioration.

Sincerely,

Dale Nissenson

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Sarah Mayer

From: Barbara Clingwald <clingbe@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, May 19, 2024 4:17 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Carpinteria developments

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We are 40 year owners/residents of a Villa del Mar condo. The problems here for homeless people have been minimal.

- 1, To build a multistory structure here, placing offices to address the problem is realistically going to be a magnet to worsen a problem.
2. As many have pointed out, we do NOT have the road structure to support this addition of traffic.
3. Residents and tourists love this safe quiet unique town and this plan promises to be the eradication of what distinguishes us.
4. The farm used to grow produce for our schools. It was truly nutritious for our students. This farm land enriched our schools.

PLEASE reconsider taking this from us.

Barbara Clingwald

Sarah Mayer

From: Laura Hughes <laura@sanfordwinery.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 22, 2024 7:36 AM
To: sbcob
Cc: info@staritahills.com
Subject: Letter to Board of Supervisors from the Sta. Rita Hills Wine Alliance
Attachments: SRHWA to Board May 21 2024.pdf

Importance: High

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Good morning Clerk of the Board,

Please find attached a letter from the Sta. Rita Hills Wine Alliance to the Board of Supervisors.

This is a letter from myself, the President of the Sta. Rita Hills Wine Alliance, and our Executive Director, Barbara Satterfield regarding the May 7th comments about the Santa Barbara County Wine Preserve from one of our members.

It is very important that we distribute this letter to all Supervisors, if you can please assist us with that this morning?

Thank you kindly for your assistance,

Laura Hughes

Associate Winemaker
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President, Sta. Rita Hills Wine Alliance.

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May 21, 2024



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Re: Santa Barbara County Wine Preserve Comments

Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors
511 Lakeside Pkwy, #141
Santa Maria, CA 93455

Dear County Supervisors,

It has recently come to our attention that a member of our alliance gave a public testimony regarding the Santa Barbara Wine Preserve on Tuesday, May 7th. The Sta. Rita Hills Wine Alliance is a member-run alliance of 40+ winery and vineyard members within the Sta. Rita Hills of Santa Barbara County. Though we support our members right to express their individual opinions, such opinions are respectfully their individual statements and cannot be inferred to be representative of our Alliance as a whole.

We feel it is important to clarify that the opinion's voiced by Mr. Steven Pepe in the testimony referenced above are only his, as the owner of Clos Pepe Vineyard. Mr. Pepe is not authorized to speak on behalf of the Sta. Rita Hills Wine Alliance, and his opinion is not to be interpreted for our Alliance as a whole.

We feel it important to further clarify a specific inaccurate statement made by Mr. Pepe during public commentary. In such statement, Mr. Pepe asserted that the Santa Barbara County Vintners Association offered a share of the BID assessment to the Sta. Rita Hills Wine Alliance, and that such an offer was declined. A link to such statements may be found at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4q2DcCuGtno>. This information is False. There has been no such offer from the Santa Barbara County Vintners Association to the Sta. Rita Hills Wine Alliance to date, nor have there been any proposals indicative of such.

We are confident that the Sta. Rita Hills Wine Alliance will be sustained by the growth and development of our winery and vineyard members if the Wine Preserve is adopted in Santa Barbara County. The Sta. Rita Hills Wine Alliance is not taking a stance on the Wine Preserve currently, nor has it in the past. We are continuing to gather information on the issue, as well as the opinions of our Alliance members.

We ask that you please consider the information we have provided above, with the understanding that as an Alliance we currently have taken no stance on the Santa Barbara Wine Preserve.

Thank you for your time and service to our Community.

Sincerely,

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Katherine Douglas

From: Erin Marcotte (marerin86@gmail.com) Sent You a Personal Message
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Sent: Tuesday, May 28, 2024 7:08 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Deny Exxon trucking project - Upcoming Board of Supervisors Meeting

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Dear Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors,

I urge you to deny this dangerous project as recommended by the Santa Barbara Planning Commission.

In addition to the significant and unavoidable risks of spills from trucking the oil, the purported benefit of producing oil from the offshore platforms and processing it on the Gaviota coast would bring with it unacceptable risks of offshore oil spills, air pollution and toxic fire and smoke risks that were not analyzed in the EIR, which focused narrowly on trucking impacts.

The recent oil spill off of Orange County underlines the severity of these risks. In addition, ExxonMobil's facilities were the largest sources of air pollution in the county and contained dangerous and toxic materials in an area that has burned by wildfire twice in the 6 years since the facilities have been shut down. We were fortunate that oil and dangerous gases were not present at the site during the recent Alisal fire, which burned onto ExxonMobil's property.

It is not just that the trucking routes are along sections of road with above average accident rates, there have been specific and recent instances of oil tankers on this route spilling oil into rivers and starting fires. In fact, on October 11 -- the same day as the Alisal fire -- an oil tanker crash near Orcutt caused a fire in Eucalyptus trees.

Thank you for denying this dangerous and unacceptable oil trucking project.

Sincerely,

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