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To the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors,

My name is Derrick Marzano. I was a student at UCSB from 2014-2018 and I have continued to work in the Isla Vista Community for the last 5 years. I am writing to ask that you deny the appeal to the County Planning Commission Approval of the Mission Isla Vista Partners LP Housing Development and allow this project to be built.,

I am asking that this project be approved as I have experienced first-hand, and continue to experience, the ongoing benefits that Mission Isla Vista provides the community. While a student at UCSB and living in Isla Vista, I had the privilege of living in housing that was run by Jason and Holly Lomelino. The housing served as a consistent form of stability in the Isla Vista community and was regarded widely as housing which was safe, welcoming, and existing for the benefit of the community.

The culture that Jason and Holly have cultivated in Mission Isla Vista is one that allows people to focus on the simple, good qualities of living in the beachside college town. It allows those associated to focus on building community, focusing on enrichment opportunities, and being encouraged to engage in a positive manner with their neighbors.

I am now no longer directly associated with Mission Isla Vista, but have been otherwise employed in the Isla Vista community for the past 5 years. I have heard consistent, widespread positive feedback from numerous community members about the positive contributions Jason and Holly Lomelino (as well as Mission IV) have brought to the community. Mission Isla Vista's work has become a staple in the IV community, along with other organizations, and has deeply contributed to the vibrant culture of the community.

For these reasons, I believe that allowing Mission Isla Vista to build additional housing will serve as an asset to the Isla Vista community as well as be a marker of positive influence throughout Santa Barbara County.

Thank you.

Best Regards,

Derrick Marzano