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Hi all,

Please see the attached letter from IVCSB on Isla Vista lighting funding.

Thank you,

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Dear Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors,

I am writing to support Supervisor Capps' request for \$250,000 for Isla Vista lighting expansion. Expanding lighting in Isla Vista has been a top priority for the Isla Vista Community Services District since our formation process and remains a board goal to this day. It is at the top of our residents' concerns when we perform outreach in the community, they believe our streets are far too dark at night, leading to feelings of unsafety.

The County Board of Supervisors has approved funding for lighting upgrades in the last ten years, for which we are appreciative. In 2013 a \$150,000 was provided with the support of the IV Foot Patrol to enhance lighting on Del Playa, Sabado Tarde, and Trigo Rd. These streets are now our model streets for how the rest of Isla Vista should be lit - they include consistent lighting down the street with 134 wattage bulbs for added brightness.

In 2018 the Isla Vista Community Services District worked with the 3rd District Supervisor Joan Hartmann, County Public Works, IV Foot Patrol, and the UCSB Associated Students to conduct a lighting walk to observe the lighting conditions at night. We also extensively surveyed the community and analyzed the current lighting levels in order to put together an Isla Vista Lighting Expansion Plan in 2019, and received letters of support from the District Attorney and Lieutenant of the IV Foot Patrol among dozens of residents. This resulted in 34 new mast heads added to existing poles in Isla Vista in partnership with County Public Works and CSA 31, this was the "low hanging fruit" of projects to accomplish at the time. Since then, we have conducted additional lighting walks in 2022 and 2023, now in conjunction with the 2nd District Supervisors, then Supervisor Hart and now Supervisor Capps.

Further, in 2021 IVCSA received \$182,000 from the California Air Resources Board to conduct a study for a Community Mobility Plan. After extensive outreach reaching over 1500 individuals, lighting remained a top priority for residents as a means to improve pedestrian, bike, and vehicular safety at night.

The \$250,000 requested by Supervisor Capps would make a major contribution towards solving our lighting issues. Our staff has prepared a list of areas that need additional lighting as well as existing lights that could be upgraded to assist in implementing these funds.



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Thank you for your consideration,

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