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Good afternoon,

Please see the attached in support of amending "Santa Barbara County Code Chapter 6, Article VI Regarding Outdoor Festivals and Chapter 36 Regarding Public Nuisances".

Rob Kooyman will not be in attendance but is in support of these amendments.

Thank you,



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Board of Supervisors



RE: Amendments to Santa Barbara County Code Chapter 6, Article VI & Chapter 36

Dear Board of Supervisors:

My name is Rob Kooyman and I own Meridian Group Real Estate Management, Inc. We are a small property management business in Goleta and the South Coast. I write to you today to strongly encourage you to amend Santa Barbara County Code Chapters 6 and 36 as proposed by Lieutenant Garrett Te Slaa.

Meridian Group manages more than 450 units in Isla Vista where we work with students on a regular basis. While we have witnessed improvements in managing party weekends for Halloween, other weekends continue to be a troubling time for student safety. Our team takes preventative measures to prevent parties on the properties we manage, but even so, we encounter unsafe conditions with parties.

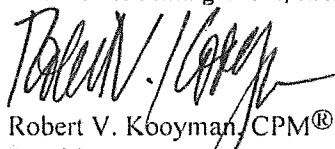
While we understand the college experience and benefit from the student housing opportunities that come with the college environment that is Isla Vista, we also recognize the risks of managing this type of housing. We strongly support these amendments because they not only provide law enforcement the support, they need to combat the unsafe conditions, but they also support student safety.

As technology has advanced, we've been introduced to new issues like paid parties. These paid and widely advertised parties have created opportunities for people outside of the community to profit from unsafe conditions in student housing. The proposed amendments will be one step to combat the unsafe conditions.

Please endorse and support the proposed amendments to Santa Barbara County Code Chapter 6, Article VI and Chapter 36. Thank you for your consideration. I would be happy to discuss this issue with any of you should you have questions. My phone number is (805) 722-1369.

Sincerely,

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From: Julia Barbosa <juliacb1015@gmail.com>
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I would like to ask the Board to support the Outdoor Festival and Social Host Ordinances proposed by the Sheriff's Department and approved by the IVCSO.

"Pay-for-play" parties are attracting out-of-town promoters who are profiting greatly at the expense of our safety and tax dollars in the form of first responders and police officers who are monopolized by repeated medical emergencies and serious safety issues as a result of these parties.

The result of these parties that are cramming as many as 500-800 people in private residences is public intoxication, public urination, property damage. I have witnessed dozens of intoxicated party goers flooding the Camino Corto Open Space one afternoon to urinate, vomit and pass out as a result of a paid event taking place at the end of Fortuna Lane (a cul-de-sac in the West End area). They were also trespassing onto nearby properties to urinate, becoming belligerent when confronted by residents. The street was taken up by a steady stream of party goers with open bottles of alcohol coming and going, essentially impeding traffic. If you threw a party in your house where your guests were taking over the public right way, would the neighbors call the police?

The promoters making outrageous amounts of money off our community keep "upping their game" to attract more customers. With a steady stream of income, they pay local residents to use their properties, they purchase powerful professional sound equipment, and hire out-of-town performers that draw - in addition to the local student population - out-of-towners who normally would not frequent this community.

Last weekend, there was a line wrapping around the corner from Sueno Rd and Camino Del Sur to attend one of these events. The level of noise was outrageous and the amount of people in the right of way and arriving by Uber created a traffic hazard. The following morning, the streets and some vehicles parked nearby were trashed. If you hosted a concert in your private residence, open to the public and with people overflowing onto the sidewalk and into the streets, would your neighbors call the police?

A couple of months ago, a group of DJs threw an illegal paid event 1500 feet away from my property. Their sound system was so powerful that it made the windows in my house rattle for 3 hours straight. What would you do if you or our family were unable to sleep due to an outrageous DJ or a punk rock band playing at or above 100DB?

The most vulnerable communities in Isla Vista - elderly, retired, families with grade school children, families whose primary language is not English, working professionals - have been suffering due to the outrageous and untamed IV party scene. Currently, Isla Vista residents have absolutely no recourse against disturbances. We talk a lot about public policies that promote sustainability and equity. Isla Vista is in desperate need of those. A lot of what goes on in Isla Vista would not be tolerated anywhere else in the County of Santa Barbara.

Please approve these changes in the County Code of Ordinances in an attempt to restore law and order in our community.