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Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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RE: O'Neil Residence Variance/General Plan Amendment, February 27, 2018

Dear Board Members:

I am in support of your approval of Jeff O'Neil project in Summerland. I have lived on the hillside above the O'Neil property for over 45 years, and have been an active citizen of my Summerland community for more than three decades.

Currently, I am the Vice President of the Summerland Citizens Association (SCA) and have been a board member many times over many years. I was appointed to the Summerland Community Plan Advisory Committee by Supervisor Carbajal, am a former member of SCA's BAR, and joined the Surfrider Foundation's national board in 1986 when we had just over 400 members and met in the founder's mother's living room. I am actively involved in planning and recreational and environmental issues countywide, particularly in Summerland, Montecito and along Padaro Lane and the Gaviota Coast.

My support for the O'Neil home appeals to the discretionary aspects of your authority and judgment. I am aware that issues surrounding permitting have been long term and complex, as well as unique. I hope you will do your very best to grant him permission to build his house. I believe a County approved residence on this site can be consistent with Summerland's architectural guidelines as well as our community's recreational goals, and will be a pleasing, much appreciated addition to our eclectic, evolving town. The O'Neil residence is likely the best opportunity for this central, prominent site to be improved and fitted back into the fabric of Summerland and our much abused shoreline, and will likely, in time, unusually benefit the recreational aspirations of Summerlanders.

Your approval now is a proper decision for Mr. O'Neil. He has been a longtime, effective, fair-minded member of Summerland and has contributed generously of his time and resources. We are so much better because of that. I believe the O'Neil property and our ocean frontage will be improved with his new home at the foot of our charming town.

Mr. O'Neil is presently working closely with the SCA and me to accomplish important goals of our community plan including two related to his property: a segment of a key lateral, bluff top trail shown on our trails map since 1992 passing over the north edge of his land—and, perhaps one day, Mr. O'Neil's home will become a much desired community center or other community serving amenity at no expense to the County.

Sincerely,

Reeve Woolpert