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Janet Wolf, Chair
Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors
105 E. Anapamu Street
Santa Barbara, California 93101

Re: April 14 hearing, Miramar Hotel, appeal of Montecito Planning Commission Approval

Dear Chair Wolf and Supervisors:

As a resident of Montecito and member of the Montecito Association, I would like to advocate your approval of the Caruso Affiliated 2014 revised plan for development of the Miramar Beach Hotel without the additional conditions imposed as part of the Montecito Planning Commission approval in January 2015.

In my opinion, the 2014 revised plan is far preferable, from the neighborhood's standpoint, to the approved 2011 plan. The developer has offered reductions in square footage, number of rooms, and allowable attendance at events, all of which contribute to reduced impact on the neighborhood.

For the Montecito Planning Commission to ask for even greater reductions, of allowable attendance at events and of numbers of beach club members, seems to be over-reaching and inconsistent with the approval of the larger 2011 plan.

When I first heard that Mr. Caruso was involved, I was delighted. He has an outstanding reputation for quality projects, and he is an honorable individual. We are lucky to have him developing this project in our community.

I echo the encouragement of the Montecito Association to move this project forward as quickly as possible, and I urge you to approve the 2014 revised plan without additional conditions.

Sincerely,

