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Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors
105 E. Anapamu Street
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

Re: Extension of the Montecito Growth Management Ordinance, Board of Supervisors Hearing of October 5, 2010

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Dear Chair Wolf and Supervisors:

The Montecito Association urges you to extend the Montecito Growth Management Ordinance through 2030. The Association has actively encouraged the County to pursue the extension of the ordinance and we are pleased that the project has moved quickly to the point of decision.

The MGMO has been an effective tool in pacing development with the availability of services and resources and will be important in the future when the economy has recovered. The draft environmental document has demonstrated that the future holds increased traffic congestion and potential water supply shortages. Fire protection response times and sewage collection facilities are inadequate in some parts of the community to meet current and future demand. Pacing of development with an extended MGMO will ensure that resources and services are not over-taxed in future years.

As you consider the environmental document for the project, please note that the identified impacts result from build-out of the Montecito Community Plan and regional growth. None of the identified impacts are a result of the MGMO - which serves only to pace development that is already allowed or anticipated in the Community Plan and zoning ordinance.

Please extend the Montecito Growth Management Ordinance to 2030, as currently proposed to include provisions excluding rollover of allocations from year to year. Excluding rollover from year to year would be consistent with past administrative practice and would help minimize cumulative construction impacts on the community by helping to even out the pace of development over the life of the ordinance.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments.

Sincerely,

Richard Nordlund, President