

de la Guerra, Sheila

Public Comment - Group 4 A-51

**From:** LUCILLE E JANSSEN <angelsart@me.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 2, 2023 3:58 PM  
**To:** sbcob; Supervisor Das Williams; Laura Capps; Hartmann, Joan  
**Cc:** membership@coralcasinobeachclub.com; Bob Nelson; Lavagnino, Steve; Vosburg, Alia  
**Subject:** Coral Casino Appeal Hearing-July 11th



**Caution: This email originated from a source outside of the County of Santa Barbara. Do not click links or open attachments unless you verify the sender and know the content is safe.**

Dear Chair Williams and Supervisors,

I urge the Board of Supervisors to proceed with the opening of the Coral Casino as outlined by those representing the Coral Casino members:

This email is in support of the Montecito Planning Commission's approval of the Coral Casino's requested Development Plan Amendment.

Like the substantial majority of my fellow members, I feel that eliminating access to club facilities by Biltmore Hotel guests while allowing controlled public access to Tydes restaurant offers a generous balance of use. Even the peer-reviewed traffic study shows a reduction in traffic and parking demand based on the owner proposed mitigations included in the Amendment.

I believe the appeals lack merit and will create unnecessary delays to the Coral Casino's reopening. I urge you to deny this appeal.

We, as members, have waited an inordinate amount of time for the Coral Casino to resume business as a private club as it originally was designed and operated successfully for many, many years and to allow the public to still have access only to the Tydes Restaurant. There is only an upside to the Coral Casino proceeding as outlined for approval of the Coral Casino's requested Development Plant Amendment and resuming business. It is an amazing Santa Barbara landmark and no different that other clubs in the community that are essentially private such as Montecito Club, Birnam Wood CC, Valley Club, etc. Why are five individuals allowed alone to control the destiny of granting or not granting permits to proceed with the club's mission and destiny when there are a majority of long-suffering club members that have been denied use of a perfectly legitimate business. The majority of the club members are financially and emotionally invested in the club and it's re-opening in a timely manner. There is one dear woman who has been a member since a child in Santa Barbara and in her early nineties who would love to see the club finished and thriving so she can resume her enjoyment of same and for her each day the clock is ticking and it seems like these five individuals are quite heartless and unfounded in their objections to deny others to move forward. After all, isn't the goal of Santa Barbara to encourage renovation, re-vitalization and thwart unfounded delays?

Thank you for considering those of us who would like to move forward with life and enjoy the benefits of a club that has been trying to renovate and re-open and still encompass the community with access to have lunch/dinner at one of the most spectacular views in the county for dining at Tydes Restaurant. It seems a legitimate request and a win/win for the entire community to have it open as quickly as possible given all the stress caused by recent epic fires and mudslides. Let the light tower of the Coral Casino be a beacon of hope and happiness again for our community.

Best wishes,

Luci & Rich Janssen

**de la Guerra, Sheila**

---

**From:** MARYANNE CONTRERAS <mainsb@verizon.net>  
**Sent:** Saturday, June 3, 2023 10:04 AM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Cc:** Johanna Dearing; Kelly Campbell  
**Subject:** Coral Casino Appeal Hearing - July 11

Caution: This email originated from a source outside of the County of Santa Barbara. Do not click links or open attachments unless you verify the sender and know the content is safe.

To whom it may concern,

I am in total support of Tydes restaurant opening to the public. I think it will offer an opportunity for the Coral Casino to employ a high ranking chef.

I do not support the appeal and look forward to our club opening ASAP with a great new restaurant.

Thank you,

MARYANNE CONTRERAS  
26 year Coral Casino member  
Coral Casino Member Board

## de la Guerra, Sheila

---

**From:** Tana Sommer <tana@tanasonner.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, June 4, 2023 1:36 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Coral Casino hearing July 11

**Caution: This email originated from a source outside of the County of Santa Barbara. Do not click links or open attachments unless you verify the sender and know the content is safe.**

Dear Board of Supervisors,

I am writing to you today about our beloved Coral Casino that we have missed so much during its closing. This deprivation makes our longing for the reopening all the more poignant. We joined the club in 1994. My daughter enjoyed the club from Junior High on. Now she is 40 years old and her children have been to the club for a bit before it closed. My favorite exercise is swimming and I used to enjoy that 3 times a week.

The privatisation of the club would make it much more like a real club without strangers coming in from the hotel. It's nice to see people we know when we go there and not ten loud Russians!

I totally understand the need to make Tyde's open to the public in order to make it financially viable. A lot of us tend to use the club at lunchtime between swims or to watch the sea in casual attire. As long as members have priority in getting reservations and inviting friends, then I am all for sharing that beautiful view upstairs at Tydes restaurant with the Santa Barbara community.

I understand that 5 appeals have been made disagreeing with the club management's position. Meanwhile there are hundreds of members who do NOT oppose the club's reopening with the conditions proposed I would hope you will decide to let the majority of membership rule and that the club may open in time for summer use. The closure these last years has been a hardship to our community, including the non-members who loved to dine with a view on special occasions.

We all are so anxious to be able to use the club again. Please help make this possible. I am 77 years old so I don't have a lot of time left to enjoy the club. Returning there would make me infinitely happy, and my grandchildren too

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Tana Sommer-Belin, Coral Casino member #6006 since 1994

Sincerely, Tana Sommer-Belin Member 6006