

To Whom It May Concern:

I'm writing you as a long time resident of Lompoc to ask you to please consider the proposed resort at the La Purisima Golf Club. While I understand that there are some concerns about revisions to existing land use policy, it would seem that a project that could add to tax revenues and create jobs in this current economic mess we're in should at least warrant further consideration. The fact that the resort will also attract tourists to the surrounding area as well as raise the profile of Lompoc in general should also weigh on the side of further consideration. I'm an avid golfer as well, and while I know that there are other courses in the area, to lose the only nationally recognized course within driving distance would be a substantial loss to the community, golfers or not. From what I understand the resort is an important step toward insuring that the course remains a growing and thriving concern.

On a personal note, I've lived in Lompoc for close to twenty years now. While I enjoy living there and value the friends that I've made, there is a serious dearth of nice things in town, for lack of a better way to put it. Take a minute to drive around Lompoc when you get a chance. It's a forest of fast food restaurants, \$.99 stores and empty big box stores. Since I've lived there we've lost several national chain stores (most recently Mervyns and Big Lots) and no other chains are stepping in to fill those spaces. National chains like Trader Joe's, Target, and Kohl's have all "passed" on the opportunity and to come to town, and the city/county even managed to scare Fess Parker out of building a proposed restaurant and tasting room there. The bottom line is that if we ever want to stabilize home prices in town and reverse this "urban blight," we're going to have to add something nice to town and try and build on it. I believe that the proposed La Purisima resort could be that first step. Thank you for your time.

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