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Dear Clerk – please forward this letter to the Board members concerning item A-8 on the 4/19/22 Agenda

Thank you

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Chair Joan Hartmann
Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors
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By Email to:
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RE: Item A-8, April 19, 2022

Chair Hartmann and Honorable Supervisors:

We write on behalf of the Foothills Forever Campaign to express our support for the Board's proposed resolution authorizing application for the funds appropriated by the State Legislature in support of the Foothills Forever Campaign's successful effort to preserve the West Mesa of the San Marcos Foothills as a community open space, forever.

The Foothills Forever Campaign sparked an incredible level of support from the community, including over 5,500 separate donations, endorsements from many community leaders and organizations, and an outpouring of expressions of support for the Campaign's goals of honoring Chumash heritage, creating a 300 acre continuous nature preserve, and enabling improved community protection from wildfires.

The Campaign faced daunting odds, having to raise and secure over \$18,000,000 in just 90 days, with a series of onerous interim milestones. Your Board's appropriation of \$2,000,000 and the Legislature's allocation of \$3,000,000 provided critical assurances of funding that allowed the Campaign to secure both pledges of funds and loans to meet those milestones and close escrow by the deadline. We couldn't have done it without you!

We support and appreciate staff's efforts to meet the State's requirements to secure and receive the State funds. We respectfully ask that your Board authorize the State's required resolution and authorize the steps needed to bring these funds to Santa Barbara County to complete the permanent preservation of this important open space parcel.

Thank you for your past actions supporting the Campaign, and for considering these final steps to permanently preserve the San Marcos Foothills.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Marc Chytilo".

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