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Public Comment - Group

From: Kate Vander Laan <kvanderlaan@westmont.edu>  
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 4:30 PM  
To: Lavagnino, Steve; Hart, Gregg; Supervisor Das Williams  
Cc: sbcob  
Subject: Proposal to expand the SM levee trail to Guadalupe



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Hello Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors,

I am a resident of Santa Barbara County and I'm reaching out in support of the proposal to expand the SM levee trail to Guadalupe. Personally, I'm really excited about this opportunity to invest in the community of Santa Maria and create more opportunities for folks to walk, bike, and run with family & friends.

Currently, Santa Maria only has access to 8 miles of trails across two options, while Santa Barbara has over 130 miles of trails across 52 options. As the biggest city in the county with majority working class BIPOC residents, Santa Maria deserves better. At its core, this proposal is an issue of environmental justice. Too often, communities of color receive disproportionate investment resulting in less access to green spaces. Extending the trail is an opportunity to remedy this issue and double the access to trails. I strongly urge you to advocate for the health of families in Santa Maria.

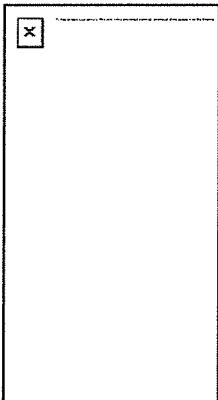
Thank you,

Kate Vander Laan

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*I gratefully acknowledge that I live in the traditional and unceded territory of the Chumash people.*

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**From:** Mireya Pina <mpina@fsacares.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 17, 2022 4:36 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Leeve Trail- Public Comment- Please Read into Record

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Hi, Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors,

I currently work in the city of Guadalupe at the Little House by the Park as the Parent Engagement Coordinator for the parent organization known as Guadalupe Community Changers (GCC). GCC advocates for social issues that impact the families of Guadalupe. One of the issues we see in this town is the lack of open spaces for families to walk, run, and engage in outdoor activities. I'm reaching out in support of the proposal to expand the SM levee trail to Guadalupe because I believe the families from this town will benefit from it. The pandemic has highlighted the health disparities that exist among communities of color. Mental health cases have increased by 20% according to the US Health and Human Services- Office of Minority Health. Physical activity is linked to better health outcomes related to chronic diseases and mental health. While Santa Barbara has over 130 miles of trails across 52 options Guadalupe has none. I ask that you please consider this as you vote.

Thank you,

Mireya Pina- Guadalupe, CA

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**From:** Tiffany Gonzales <tiffgo88@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 17, 2022 2:49 PM  
**To:** CEO Clerk of the Board  
**Cc:** Hartmann, Joan; Supervisor Das Williams; Hart, Gregg; slavagnino@countyofsb.org; Nelson, Bob  
**Subject:** Extend the SM River Trail to Guadalupe!

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Hi Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors,

I am a current resident of Santa Maria and I'm reaching out in support of the proposal to expand the SM levee trail to Guadalupe. Personally, I'm really excited about this opportunity to invest in the community of Santa Maria and Guadalupe and create more opportunities for people to walk, bike, and run with family & friends.

I am a Central Coast native and I grew up in both cities of Santa Maria and Guadalupe. From birth until I was 10 years old, I lived in Santa Maria, and from 10 years old until I was 26 years old I lived in Guadalupe. Both cities are near and dear to my heart. I have family, friends, and work colleagues that are either from one of the two cities, or grew up in one or both of the cities.

Currently, Santa Maria only has access to 8 miles of trails across two options, Guadalupe has 0 miles of trails, while Santa Barbara has over 130 miles of trails across 52 options. At its core, this proposal is an issue of environmental justice. Too often, communities of color receive disproportionate investment resulting in less access to green spaces. Extending the trail is an opportunity to remedy this issue and double the access to trails. I have had to travel outside of Guadalupe to other cities, like Santa Barbara and Gaviota to hike and enjoy the beauty of the Central Coast. I strongly urge you to advocate for the health of families in Santa Maria and Guadalupe. Generations of my own family, friends, and work colleagues deserve access to walk, run and bike, without having to travel miles and up to an hour away from home.

I also feel this would be a wonderful opportunity to strengthen and bring the two communities of Santa Maria and Guadalupe closer together. Growing up here locally, I tire of hearing of the days when Guadalupe and Santa Maria were rivals. Let's show the Santa Maria Valley we are united and have moved well past those days!

Thank you,

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