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Tom Deardorff II <tom@dff.farm> Tuesday, January 24, 2023 5:04 PM

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101 Project Sound Walls

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Thank you.

Tom Deardorff, II Deardorff Family Farms P.O. Box 1188 Oxnard, CA 93032 805.487.7801 ext. 107 Santa Barbara Board of Supervisors 105 E. Anapamu Street Santa Barbara CA 93101

Re: Highway 101 Project Review

To Santa Barbara Board of Supervisors Members:

The Santa Barbara Board of Supervisors ("SBBOS") should require the placement of architecturally appropriate walls along the 101 Project through Montecito. SBBOS is in place to preserve, protect, and enhance the environment in Santa Barbara. One of those special environments that has been protected for over 50 years is the 101 corridor through Montecito. As you head northbound on the 101 over the hill from Summerland you immediately realize you are entering a special and unique place. Please preserve that environment and make sure that future generations get to enjoy the special character that is Santa Barbara by requiring the correct architectural walls and landscaping to soften the massive 101 Project.

Caltrans is attempting the oldest trick in the book – the bait and switch. Caltrans initially sold the Santa Barbara community on the 101 Project with beautiful drawings that included the promise of concrete walls and intricate landscaping. We all bought in to the artwork and promises they set forth for a strong environmental softening of the project. It looked good and the community did not object. Then, Caltrans tore up the 101 and started construction. Now, they claim the architectural walls cannot get federal funding and, therefore, they need to install chain link fencing. The bait (concrete walls) and the switch (chain link). Please do not let them get away with trick.

Chain link? Really? The gateway to Santa Barbara. Chain link? Do you really want that to be your legacy? Do you want that to be the new Santa Barbara motif? The community of red tile roofs will now be the chain link place. You should be saying "not on my watch".

Our community has collectively sacrificed so much in the name of environmental preservation and architectural significance. And, the SBBOS has helped make that happen. For decades, homeowners and businesses have altered architectural elements, added walls, improved landscaping, and otherwise designed and constructed projects to meet your standards – often at significant sacrifice of time, energy, and capital in order to benefit our community. They did not get a pass from the SBBOS because it was too hard, too expensive, or too time consuming. They were held to the high standards Santa

Barbara has chosen for itself. Now, you are entrusted as our elected officials to once again hold up these standards and mandate Caltrans use the originally proposed solid, concrete/stone walls and intricate landscaping on the 100 Project.

Funding is not a reason to ignore architectural and environmental integrity. It is not part of the SBBOS criteria. So, the contention by Caltrans that properly designed walls (that meet flood criteria) do not also meet sound wall requirements for federal funding is irrelevant. Who cares about Caltrans "sound wall" funding? Funding is simply not an issue for SBBOS. Your issue is compliance with original plans and protecting Santa Barbara's environment and architecture. Caltrans must be required to design and construct walls that meet the standards that Santa Barbara mandates while also meeting whatever flood goals also need to be achieved. If the final approved walls are not "sound walls" (as defined by the federal government), so be it. The purpose of the walls in Caltrans' beautiful artwork they used to win support was aesthetics, environment and architecture. We were not looking at "sound" in the artwork, we were looking at walls and landscaping that met the mandates of Santa Barbara style - the same style you routinely mandate for all other projects in and around this portion of Santa Barbara. You do not see a chain link fence around the Miramar, or in front of Casa Dorinda, or adjacent to the new house being built on San Ysidro. This "sound wall" funding stuff is nonsense. Caltrans is simply looking for a cheap solution and blaming federal rules as an excuse to ignore the SBBOS standards.

Simply put, Caltrans must be held to the same standards as the rest of us and they must design new walls that meet the style, architecture, and environmental enhancement goals of SBBOS.

Sincerely,

Thomas Deardorff, II 135 Miramar Avenue Santa Barbara, CA 93108

From:

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Tuesday, January 24, 2023 9:29 PM

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dear board of supervisors,

i just read in the indy, and hope it's not too late to ask that you please designate rocky nook park a ounty historic landmark

thank you,

sincerely,

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From: Ari Somayaji (somayaji@gmail.com) Sent You a Personal Message

<kwautomail@phone2action.com>

Sent: Monday, January 30, 2023 6:06 AM

To: sbcob

Subject: Support fossil-free new buildings for Santa Barbara County!

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Dear County of Santa Barbara,

Please phase out gas, help the climate, and clean the air.

I support taking climate action and making new buildings sustainable and carbon-free!

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All-electric buildings are less expensive to build and less expensive and healthier to live in.

Thank you for maintaining Santa Barbara County's environmental leadership.

Sincerely,

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From: Cristina Amarillas (clamarillas@gmail.com) Sent You a Personal Message

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Sincerely,

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From: M. Virginia Leslie (Mvleslie@att.net) Sent You a Personal Message

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From: David Murillo (sodfm@yahoo.com) Sent You a Personal Message

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Sincerely,

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From: Howard Cohen (howard@cohensw.com) Sent You a Personal Message

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Sincerely,

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From: Katherine Nolan (kathynolan@att.net) Sent You a Personal Message

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Sent: Thursday, February 2, 2023 12:48 PM

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Sincerely,

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From: Rokhsan Taherpour (Rokhsan1@yahoo.com) Sent You a Personal Message

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Sincerely,

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From: Scott McCreery (southjetty@sbcglobal.net) Sent You a Personal Message

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