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From: dawn thatcher <dthatcher98@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, February 03, 2014 7:32 AM
To: sbcob; Lieu, Nicole
Subject: Paradiso Del Mar

Dear Supervisors,

I am writing you in support of the proposed Paradiso Del Mar project that will create safe, public beach and trail access along the Gaviota Coast for our Santa Barbara community. This proposed development would provide public easements for high-priority public access and recreation amenities all while preserving over 100 acres of open space and protecting marine life in this area.

The proposed development will actually enhance the public's access to the Gaviota Coast. Currently, accessing the beach along this area of Santa Barbara's coastline is informal and very limited. The proposed development would allow for public trails, beach access, and a parking lot. The ability to access a part of Santa Barbara County that is currently not available will offer both visitors and local residents a unique opportunity to safely enjoy such a remarkable coastline.

Contrary to suggestions that the plan is being created by, "an Orange County developer coming in to McMansionize the Gaviota Coast," this plan thoughtfully considers the best use of land that benefits the public and still protects the marine life and the natural habitat. The fact that this property owner is requesting to build only two homes on 6 acres while dedicating the rest of their 140+ acre lots to agriculture and land conservation, in addition to providing over \$500K to protect seals that use the beach and to help fund development of public trails, parking and beach access, demonstrates his commitment to our community and resource protection.

By creating approving the project and creating this public access opportunity, our community will be able to safely enjoy all that makes Santa Barbara so unique. As a new parent I can truly appreciate the value of being able to expose my family to all the resources that make Santa Barbara so unique. To be able to safely use bluff top trails and beaches with my family within a beautiful natural area that will be protected for future generations is exactly why we choose to live in Santa Barbara. I urge the Board of Supervisors to approve the proposed project at the February 4, 2014 hearing.

Sincerely,

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