

From:

Villalobos, David

Sent:

Wednesday, February 11, 2015 8:47 AM

To:

**Board Letters** 

Subject:

FW: Las Varas Tentative Parcel Map/Lot Line Adjustment

**Attachments:** 

MTF BOS letter 1-26-15.pdf

From: Russell, Glenn

**Sent:** Wednesday, February 11, 2015 7:01 AM **To:** Black, Dianne; Tuttle, Alex; Villalobos, David

Subject: FW: Las Varas Tentative Parcel Map/Lot Line Adjustment

FYI

From: Kevin Snow [haybarn@cox.net]
Sent: Tuesday, February 10, 2015 8:29 PM

To: Wolf, Janet

Cc: Michael Cooney; jainsworth@coastal.ca.gov; Joan Hartmann; Farr, Doreen; Russell, Glenn; SupervisorCarbajal

Subject: Las Varas Tentative Parcel Map/Lot Line Adjustment

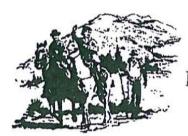
Dear Janet,

Please review the attached letter from Montecito Trails Foundation regarding the Las Varas Tentative Parcel Map and Lot Line Adjustment application before the County.

Thank you for your leadership and dedication to the people of Santa Barbara County. Your decision on this matter will have long-lasting impact on the future of the Gaviota coast and the quality of critical recreational opportunities for generations to come.

Sincerely,

Kevin Snow, MTF vice-president



# Montecito Trails Foundation POST OFFICE BOX 5481 • SANTA BARBARA, CA 93150

January 26, 2015

Janet Wolf, Chair Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors 105 East Anapamu Street Santa Barbara, CA 93101

Re: Las Varas Ranch Vesting Tentative Parcel Map, Lot Line Adjustment and Environmental Impact Report

Dear Chair Wolf and Board Members,

The Montecito Trails Foundation (MTF) was founded in 1964 to maintain, expand, and record trails within areas of Montecito, Summerland, & Carpinteria, California while being an advocate for trails and open space countywide. Over our almost 50 years of existence, we have grown to a major community organization of 1,200 members from throughout the South Coast. MTF currently manages or assists the Forest Service and County in managing over 100 miles of trails in all types of environments including level coastal terraces, extensive areas of environmentally sensitive riparian and oak woodlands and steep rocky chaparral covered mountainsides. The MTF has substantial direct "hands on" expertise in trails planning, easement acquisition, trail construction and trail maintenance in all manner of challenging environments.

Given our breadth of membership and organizational goals, MTF is extremely interested in the location and eventual design of the proposed California Coastal Trail (CCT) and provision of coastal access along the Gaviota Coast. We feel that a properly sited and designed CCT in close proximity to the shoreline would be a major benefit to County residents and a trail of statewide importance. Provision of long-planned coastal access at Edwards Point, as currently used by the public and required in the County's Local Coastal Plan LCP, is also a significant issue. As such, we were disappointed with the trail proposals associated with the Las Varas Ranch Development because the trail is far removed from the shoreline and located adjacent to the noise and fumes of US Highway 101, also without provision of access at Edwards Point as required by the County's LCP. As experts in trail design and public usage, we believe that such trail proposals would not provide substantial public benefit and are inconsistent with adopted County policy. We believe that the CCT "should be sited and designed to be located along or as close to the shoreline as physically and aesthetically feasible (State Coastal Conservancy, 2003)."

We also support the County Planning Commission's rejection of the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for this project. We strongly recommend that the Board uphold the

Planning Commission's recommendations and direct that the EIR be revised. MTF believes that the EIR lacks credible expert analysis regarding trail issues. These include the unsuitable location of the CCT and inconsistency with County and State policies which we believe mandate a nearshore location. We are also concerned that the EIR simply ignores or walks away from the clear policy language of the LCP which directly requires access at Edwards Point. We also find that the EIR's analysis of trails and grazing lacks credibility, particularly when compared to substantial expert opinion and real world analysis provided by the Santa Barbara County Trails Council. Based on our experience with all aspects of trail planning, acquisition, construction and design, we respectfully disagree with the EIR's unsubstantiated conclusion that access at Edwards Point and siting the CCT in a nearshore location is inconsistent with cattle grazing. All real world evidence points to the contrary.

While there are challenges associated with completing a bluff top segment of the CCT along the shoreline of Las Varas Ranch, we find these no more daunting than many of the trails MTF has successfully completed over the last decade. We remind the Board that completion of major trails from planning to construction is often an effort of decades and that vision and persistence are key elements of successful trail completion. Most recently we note that easements for the Franklin Trail in Carpinteria were accepted by the County almost 25 years ago and only now have all the pieces been assembled to move this trail forward toward completion. We note that this trail has many challenges including very steep slopes, dense chaparral, coordination among multiple jurisdictions and property owners, addressing environmentally sensitive habitats, bridging a creek and providing fencing to protect active agricultural operations. As a measure the South Coast community's interest in and ability to complete challenging trail projects, over \$800,000 was been raised in <a href="three years">three years</a> to complete the initial segments of this trail in 2013.

Unfortunately, the County's analysis of trail issues for the Las Varas ranch is wholly inadequate to support informed planning for these critical trail links. In order to address the community's concerns over these issues and provide information to support adequate trails planning, we respectfully request the Board direct County Planning and Development to:

- Work with the trails community to provide improved analysis of trail issues, including more detailed and expert analysis regarding provision of the CCT in a near coastal location and potential vertical access options;
- Coordinate with the project developer and trails community to reach a compromise solution to provide a near coastal location for the CCT with access at Edwards Point, and;

 Revise the project EIR to reflect concerns raised by the Planning Commission and community organizations, and return to the Planning Commission for consideration of the project only after these issues are resolved.

In closing, we urge the Board to take any and all measures to ensure that the County acquires a near coastal alignment of the CCT with access at Edwards Point. We believe that completion of a properly sited and well designed reach of the CCT across the Las Varas Ranch is a matter of both countywide and statewide importance and will ultimately benefit future property owners of these planned new residential estates.

Thank you for considering these recommendations.

Sincerely,

Kevin Snow, Vice President Montecito Trails Foundation

cc. Doreen Farr, 3rd District Supervisor
Joan Hartmann, 3rd District Planning Commissioner
Michael Cooney, First District Planning Commissioner
Glen Russell, Director, Planning and Development Department
Jack Ainsworth, Deputy Director, California Coastal Commission

From: Marie Carlisle <mariemcarlisle@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, February 10, 2015 5:15 PM

To: sbcob

Cc: Farr, Doreen

Subject: Las Varas Ranch Development, Coastal Trail and Open Space

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Please do everything possible to acquire a nearshore California Coastal Trail and protect blufftop open space on Las Varas Ranch!

Sincerely,

From:

Tina Topalian <topaliant@gmail.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, February 10, 2015 5:36 PM

To:

sbcob

Cc:

Farr, Doreen

Subject:

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Sincerely,

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From:

David Taylor <dtaylormoose@yahoo.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, February 10, 2015 5:46 PM

To:

sbcob

Cc:

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Sincerely,

From:

melorider@gmail.com

Sent:

Tuesday, February 10, 2015 6:03 PM

To:

sbcob

Cc:

Farr, Doreen

Subject:

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Sincerely,

From: Sent: Rick Cohen <rickcohen818@gmail.com> Tuesday, February 10, 2015 6:14 PM

To:

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Subject:

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Rick Cohen

Santa Barbara County

From:

Victoria Corke <vwcorke@gmail.com> Tuesday, February 10, 2015 6:36 PM

Sent: To:

sbcob

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Sincerely,

Victoria W.C.

From: Sent: John Watson <watsonjw@swbell.net> Tuesday, February 10, 2015 7:27 PM

To:

sbcob

Cc:

Farr, Doreen; John Watson

Subject:

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Sincerely,

John Watson 3756 Greggory Way #2 Santa Barbara, CA 93105

From:

Jai Ranganathan <jai.ranganathan@gmail.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, February 10, 2015 8:00 PM

To:

sbcob

Cc:

Farr, Doreen

Subject:

Las Varas Ranch Development: Coastal Trail and Open Space

Dear Chair Janet Wolf and Board members,

I am a resident of Santa Barbara County and I am writing to you in regard to the Las Varas Ranch development. I am concerned about the impacts of the Las Varas Ranch development on coastal trails and access. I respectfully request that the Board of Supervisors:

- 1. Support your Planning Commission and ensure that the project Environmental Impact Report is revised to fully address project impacts.
- 2. Protect historic informal public coastal access to Edwards Point.
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- 4. Support the County's Coastal Plan that identifies Edwards Point as a "major Coastal Park."

Please do everything possible to acquire a nearshore California Coastal Trail and protect blufftop open space on Las Varas Ranch.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely, Jai Ranganathan 1070 Miramonte Drive #11 Santa Barbara, CA 93109 914-260-7405

From:

kathy wenger <kathywenger@me.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, February 10, 2015 8:38 PM

To:

sbcob

Cc:

Farr, Doreen

Subject:

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Sincerely, Kathy Wenger

Sent from my iPad

From: Pat Fish <patfish@luckyfish.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 10, 2015 8:50 PM

To: sbcob
Cc: Farr, Doreen

Subject: The California Coastal Trail and Las Varas Rench

Dear Chair Wolf and Board members,

I am a mule rider who cherishes the open space and trails of our marvelous community.

I am also enthusiastic about the California Coastal Trail, a dream long deferred.

The law states that the CCT will be within the sight and sound of the sea.

Please DO NOT bow to the wealthy who would lobby you to let them build exclusive estates on the Las Varas Ranch and shunt a meager trail far inland. That has historically been an open space beloved of the Santa Barbara community, and it IS a part of the CCT plan. Please understand your role in history, preserve this for future generations.

Sincerely,

Luckyfish, Inc. PO Box 777

Santa Barbara, CA 93102-0777

patfish@luckyfish.com (805) 962-7552

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From: jettoparadise@verizon.net

Sent: Tuesday, February 10, 2015 8:52 PM

To: sbcob
Cc: Farr, Doreen

Subject: Las Varas Ranch Development, Coastal Trail and Open Space

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Sincerely,

Donna Peterson Nicholas Pierce 636 e. Sola. St. Santa Barbara,CA

From:

junkyca <madinenik@yahoo.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, February 10, 2015 9:03 PM

To:

sbcob

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Sincerely, kedar madineni santa barbara

From: Charlotte McGuire <mcguire.charlotte@icloud.com>

Sent: Tuesday, February 10, 2015 9:21 PM

To: sbcob
Cc: Farr, Doreen

Subject: Las Varas Ranch Development, Coastal Trail and Open Space

Dear Chair Wolf and Board members,

Charlotte and Sassy \*\*\*

- Support your Planning Commission and ensure that the project Environmental Impact Report is revised to fully address project impacts.
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Sincerely,

Charlotte McGuire February 10, 2015

From: Sent: Steve Green <steve@viridissimo.com> Tuesday, February 10, 2015 10:41 PM

To:

sbcob

Cc:

Farr, Doreen

Subject:

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Sincerely,

Steven Green 2160 Veloz Drive Santa Barbara, CA

From:

Eric Lehmann <elehmann@me.com>

Sent:

Wednesday, February 11, 2015 1:19 AM

To:

sbcob

Cc:

Farr, Doreen; coastaltrail@sbtrails.org

Subject:

Las Varas Ranch Development, Coastal Trail and Open Space

To Chair Wolf and Board members,

As a long time Santa Barbara resident and witnessed two decades of battles between city and county government vs. developers I am concerned about the impacts of the Las Varas Ranch development on coastal trails and access. I respectfully request that the Board of Supervisors:

- Understand Santa Barbara quality of life is the key to Santa Barbara's success. Allowing some greedy developer to destroy the coastline with a bunch of McMansions doesn't help anybody. Not even the people purchasing the McMansions.
- Support your Planning Commission and ensure the project Environmental Impact Report is revised to fully address project impacts.
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Continue to do whatever it takes to keep us from becoming like Los Angeles.

Sincerely,

Eric Lehmann MAJ, USA (Ret'd)

Thumbed from my iPhone

From:

Ava <avaavamarie@gmail.com>

Sent:

Wednesday, February 11, 2015 1:22 AM

To:

sbcob

Cc:

Farr, Doreen

Subject:

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- · Protect historic informal public coastal access to Edwards Point.
- Require dedication of an easement for a nearshore California Coastal Trail not the 101 highway.
- Support the County's Coastal Plan that identifies Edwards Point as a major Coastal Park.

Please do everything possible to acquire a nearshore California Coastal Trail and protect blufftop open space on Las Varas Ranch! Generations of Californians and tourists will be deeply happy you worked to save this space for all of us.

Sincerely, Ava Schleder Mother Nature Lover

Sent from Ava's iPhone

From: Catey Dunkley <cateydunkley@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 11, 2015 6:29 AM

To: sbcob

Cc: Farr, Doreen; coastaltrail@sbtrails.org

Subject: Las Varas Ranch Development, Coastal Trail and Open Space

Dear Chair Wolf and Board members,

Access to coastal trails within the sight and sound of the ocean is what life in Santa Barbara County is all about. It is alarming that the Las Varas Ranch development project is even under consideration given the devastating impact it would have on on coastal trails and access. I respectfully URGE the Board of Supervisors to:

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Sincerely,

Catey Low Dunkley 805.845.1085 cateydunkley@gmail.com

From: Bradley Hacker <hacker@geol.ucsb.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, February 11, 2015 6:39 AM

To: sbcok

Cc: Farr, Doreen; coastaltrail@sbtrails.org

Subject: Las Varas Ranch Development, Coastal Trail and Open Space

Dear Chair Wolf and Board members,

I write to you about the impacts of the Las Varas Ranch development on coastal trails and access. I respectfully request that the Board of Supervisors:

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Require an easement for a nearshore California Coastal Trail.

Support the County's Coastal Plan that identifies Edwards Point as a major Coastal Park.

Please make a nearshore California Coastal Trail a reality and protect blufftop open space on Las Varas Ranch!

Sincerely,

Bradley Hacker, Goleta

Bradley R. Hacker Professor of Geology

Dept of Earth Science and Earth Research Institute University of California, Santa Barbara CA 93106-9630

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From: Russell Remington < Russell.Remington@bfs.ucsb.edu>

Sent: Wednesday, February 11, 2015 7:42 AM

To: sbco

Cc: Farr, Doreen; coastaltrail@sbtrails.org

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Sincerely,

Russell Remington

From:

Mike Chenoweth < MChenoweth@radiusgroup.com>

Sent:

Wednesday, February 11, 2015 8:04 AM

To:

sbcok

Cc:

Farr, Doreen; 'coastaltrail@sbtrails.org'

Subject:

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- Support the County's Coastal Plan that identifies Edwards Point as a major Coastal Park because of its specific location and beauty.

Please do everything possible to acquire a nearshore California Coastal Trail and protect blufftop open space on Las Varas Ranch!

Sincerely,

From: Sent: Martin Krebs <martykrebs@gmail.com> Wednesday, February 11, 2015 8:09 AM

To:

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Subject:

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On a personal note: I believe that there is plenty of space available for new homes in Santa Barbara County that could be profitably developed without destroying the very environment that draws people to this area. Let's do our best to protect the ocean views and access for all to enjoy. Martin Krebs, 467 Orange Blossom Lane, Goleta CA 93117.

From:

Ken Williams <ken@flowsim.com>

Sent:

Wednesday, February 11, 2015 8:20 AM

To:

sbcob

Cc:

Farr, Doreen; coastaltrail@sbtrails.org

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My wife and I recently tried to access this area from the beach, at low tide, and it was very difficult. Improvements to public access would be an excellent improvement for all.

Sincerely,

regards,

Ken A. Williams, PhD, PE

mobile +1.505.259-3267

From:

Thomas Pettus <a href="mailto:rrpettus@gmail.com">trrpettus@gmail.com</a>

Sent:

Tuesday, February 10, 2015 3:12 PM

To:

sbcob

Cc:

Farr, Doreen

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Sincerely,

Barbara Reaume Coldwell Banker

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From:

Kyle Richards <richards.kyle@gmail.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, February 10, 2015 3:34 PM

To: Cc:

Farr, Doreen

Subject:

Las Varas Ranch: Preserve our Open Spaces

# Dear Chair Wolf and Board members,

I write to you regarding the impacts of the Las Varas Ranch development on coastal trails and access. I am concerned about the development and the impact that it will have on our open spaces -- and access to them. This area is in close proximity to the residents of Goleta, and it serves as a community resource not only to Goletans but to all residents of the County.

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Kyle Richards Goleta, CA

#### **KYLE RICHARDS**

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has."

~Margaret Mead

From:

Sara Burt <saraburt@gmail.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, February 10, 2015 3:34 PM

To:

sbcob

Cc: Subject: Farr, Doreen undefined

Dear Chair Wolf and Board members,

Like many or most residents of Santa Barbara Country, I am a lover of nature and I absolutely love hiking trails and the ocean. I am very concerned, like most people I know are, about overdevelopment, especially in areas that should be public spaces to be enjoyed and shared by all. I just heard about how the Las Varas Ranch development is seeking to **block** historic public access and have the Coastal Trail to the north of Highway 101 instead, nearly ½ mile from the beach! I respectfully request that the Board of Supervisors:

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Sara Burt Carpinteria, CA

From:

Patty Schwartzkopf <patty@pattyinsb.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, February 10, 2015 3:34 PM

To:

sbcob; Farr, Doreen

Subject:

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Patty Schwartzkopf 5625 West Camino Cielo, SB CA 93105

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Rick Puhl	
Peace	

Gmail <rickpuhl@gmail.com> Tuesday, February 10, 2015 3:36 PM

sbcob

From: Sent: Juli Lambers < Juli@spplumbing.net > Tuesday, February 10, 2015 3:54 PM

To:

sbcob

Cc:

Farr, Doreen

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Sincerely,

Juli Lambers

From:

Esque13@aol.com

Sent:

Monday, February 09, 2015 10:17 PM

To:

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Subject:

RE: Las Varas Ranch Development

Attachments:

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#### Dear Clerk of The Board of Supervisors:

Please distribute copies of my letter (copied below and also attached) to the members of the BOS in regard to the California Coastal Trail and the Las Varas Ranch Development, which item is on the Agenda for the meeting on February 17th.

Thank you very much,

Susan Keller

## SUSAN KELLER 480 Pimiento Lane Santa Barbara, California 93108

Tel: (805) 565-9357 Fax: (805) 565-9557 Email: <u>Esque13@aol.com</u>

Chairman Steve Lavagnino Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors 105 E. Anapamu Street Santa Barbara, CA 93101

RE: Las Varas Ranch Development - California Coastal Trail

#### Dear Chair Lavagnino and Supervisors:

I am a fifth-generation Californian as well as an 18 year resident of Santa Barbara. I have grown to know and love the trails and hiking opportunities in our area, and I consider these one of the prime assets for our residents and attractions for visitors. I understand that there exists a unique opportunity to develop the California Coastal Trail (CCT) along the coastal bluffs near the shoreline across from the Las Varas Ranch. I am quite familiar with this area from years of driving from Los Angeles to my parents' home in Morro Bay. This trail—along with connecting trails to the beach—would be such an incredible addition to the coastal trail throughout the state; it certainly would be one of the most beautiful and important in our State's coastal network of trails.

It is exciting to contemplate being able to make a reality out of this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to create an off-road trail along the shoreline in this unspoiled area. Distressingly, however, I understand that this might not occur, that there currently is a proposal to place the trail along the side of the noisy freeway, away from the bluffs and the shoreline and with no connection to existing and long planned access at Edwards Point. This cannot happen! It would be such a tragic loss for our community and our state and for all the many people who would make use of this trail, savoring the incredible views and enjoying the solitude of a coastal trail.

I implore you to require that any development project on the Las Varas Ranch includes provision for a coastal trail along the bluffs with long planed access to Edwards Point. Your decision is something that cannot be undone; once the opportunity for a shoreline trail is lost, it will never be possible, and we—and all future generations—will never be able to enjoy the unique experiences it can provide.

Sincerely, Susan Keller Susan Keller

cc: Doreen Farr, 3<sup>rd</sup> District Supervisor Steve Hudson, California Coastal Commission Glen Russell, Director, County Planning and Development Department Joan Hartmann, 3<sup>rd</sup> District Planning Commissioner

From: Sent: Brady Mears <br/>
Sunday, February 08, 2015 5:19 PM

To:

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Subject:

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Having access to this open area is a privilege that I and many of my fellow residents greatly appreciate. Having been raised in San Diego where not one bit of coastline is left undeveloped, when I moved to Santa Barbara I was amazed and filled with wonder at the open space that surrounds our community. While I recognize your reasons for considering development, I have to voice an opinion that myself and many of my neighbors share, that the value of our community is most effectively preserved by Preservation of Open space. Santa Barbara is about going outside appreciating the beauty and coming together as a community.

Please do everything possible to acquire a nearshore California Coastal Trail and protect blufftop open space on Las Varas Ranch!

**Brady Mears** 

Isla Vista, California

From: Annette Kleinman <akleinman23@gmail.com>

Sent: Sunday, February 08, 2015 4:11 PM

To: sbcob

Cc: Farr, Doreen

Subject: Las Varas Ranch Development, Coastal Trail and Open Space

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Sincerely, Annette

From:

jean john <jeanjohn@cox.net>

Sent:

Saturday, February 07, 2015 2:25 PM

To:

sbcob

Cc:

Farr, Doreen

Subject:

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Sincerely,

Jean and Ivor John

From: Sent: Steve Owens <steveowens@cox.net> Saturday, February 07, 2015 11:03 AM

To:

sbcob

Cc:

Farr, Doreen; Susan

Subject:

Public Trail and Open Space at Las Varas Ranch Project

Dear Chair Wolf and SB County Board of Supervisors,

I have lived in SB since 1973. I am an active hiker, like so many other citizens of SB County. I have accessed the Las Varas area regularly over the years and I understand what a wonderful opportunity we now have to make this beautiful space available to everyone living here currently, and more importantly to future generations.

I strongly urge you to assure that ample public access and preservation is achieved at the Las Varas Ranch development project, to include:

- Ensure that the project Environmental Impact Report is revised to fully address project impacts as defined by your Planning Commission.
  - Include formal and proper public coastal access to Edwards Point.
  - Include a public easement for a nearshore California Coastal Trail.
  - Assure that Edwards Point becomes a major Coastal Park.

I hope that you will do everything possible to achieve formal public easement of a nearshore California Coastal Trail, and to protect the blufftop open space on Las Varas Ranch. Please feel free to call me or contact me with questions and comments.

Sincerely,

Steve Owens 805 698 8679

From:

Kristine Mainland White <mainlandwhite@gmail.com>

Sent:

Friday, February 06, 2015 9:55 PM

To:

sbcob

Cc:

Farr, Doreen

Subject:

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Sincerely,

Kris Mainland White

#### Barker, Russ

From:

Allen, Michael (COB)

Sent:

Friday, February 06, 2015 1:06 PM

To:

Lenzi, Chelsea; Barker, Russ

Subject:

FW: Las Varas Ranch Project to go Before Board of Supervisors

Las Varas Ranch for 17th - Thanks...

From: Carbajal, Salud

Sent: Thursday, February 05, 2015 6:27 PM

To: Allen, Michael (COB)

Subject: Fwd: Las Varas Ranch Project to go Before Board of Supervisors

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Janet Koed <<u>gavcoast@silcom.com</u>> **Date:** February 5, 2015 at 11:15:18 AM PST

To: Salud Carbajal < Supervisor Carbajal @sbcbos1.org >

Subject: Las Varas Ranch Project to go Before Board of Supervisors

Salud ---

Janet Koed <a href="http://gaviota.nationbuilder.com/">http://gaviota.nationbuilder.com/</a>

LAS VARAS RANCH PROJECT TO GO BEFORE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Las Varas Ranch is an approximately 1,800-acre Gaviota Coast working ranch, located one mile east of El Capitan State Beach. The proposed Project divides up the ranch with a series of lot line adjustments and a subdivision, INCREASING THE NUMBER OF HOUSES THAT COULD BE BUILT south of Highway 101. The Project also creates 2.5 to 5 acre residential development envelopes and infrastructure improvements to serve that future development,

#### EVEN THOUGH THE LANDS ARE ZONED FOR

AGRICULTURE. The County Planning Commission considered the Project in September 2014, and determined that the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) was inadequate and recommended that the Board not certify the EIR. The Board of Supervisors will consider the Project on February 17.

We will send out another email before the hearing to include updates and talking points. Briefly, some of the reasons to oppose this Project: it intensifies residential development potential in the coastal zone, damages scenic coastal views, undermines agricultural viability, threatens historic and cultural resources, and compromises public access and recreation; it has not undergone adequate environmental review, and is not consistent with County policy.

Help us by attending the February 17th hearing if you possibly can. Let Supervisors know we care about what happens to the Gaviota Coast!

For more information, contact Janet Koed at 805-683-6631

Gaviota Coast Conservancy · United States

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You can also keep up with Janet Koed on Facebook.

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From:

Michael Sweeney <msweeney@sbch.org>

Sent:

Friday, February 06, 2015 11:44 AM

To:

sbcob

Cc:

Farr, Doreen

Subject:

Las Varas Ranch Development, Coastal Trail and Open Space

Dear Chair Wolf and Board members,

My wife and I love to walk the beach at low tide. Our favorite beach is Razor Back which has extremely poor access and aggressive security that has more than once challenged our right to enjoy the low tide. I fear that big money and developers want to own the beach and see the public as a problem.

Please take a strong stand and preserve our historic trails and beach access.

We vote in every election.

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Sincerely,

Michael Sweeney PH: 805-879-8927

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From: Zed and Peggy Reagan <zednpegs@mac.com>

Sent: Friday, February 06, 2015 10:18 AM

To: sbcob
Cc: Farr, Doreen

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Zed Reagan, MD

Sent from my iPhone

From:

Sent:

Thursday, February 05, 2015 8:52 PM

To:

sbcob

Cc:

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From:

Annelise Blair <annelise.blair@gmail.com>

Sent:

Friday, February 06, 2015 8:04 AM

To:

sbcob

Cc:

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Annelise Blair

From:

Mary O'Toole <maryotoole@cox.net>

Sent:

Friday, February 06, 2015 8:42 AM

To: Cc:

sbcob

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Sincerely, Mary O'Toole

From: Bryan Toro <toro.bryan@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, February 06, 2015 10:13 AM

To: sbcob
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Bryan Toro

From:

joan kreiss < jkreiss@verizon.net>

Sent:

Thursday, February 05, 2015 8:37 PM

To:

sbcob

Cc:

Farr, Doreen

Subject:

Las Varas Ranch Development, Coastal Trail and Open Space

Dear Chair Wolf and Board members,

One of the special things about living in Santa Barbara is its extraordinary trail system. I am writing because I am concerned about Gaviota's Las Varas Ranch project. I would urge you to ensure that the California Coastal Trail is on the bluff close to the ocean rather than inland. I would also encourage you to protect the historic informal public coastal access to Edwards Point.

We have one of the most beautiful coastlines in the world and the more it can be preserved for the use of many the better. I hope your actions will help to preserve this wonderful resource.

Thank you.

Joan Kreiss

From:

bill palmisano <palm1953@gmail.com>

Sent:

Friday, February 06, 2015 6:22 AM

To:

sbcob

Cc:

Farr, Doreen

Subject:

Las Varas Ranch Development, Coastal Trail and Open Space

Dear Chair Wolf and Board Members,

I believe the Coastal Trail should be on the bluff tops within sight and sound of the ocean. The rights of the public to this easement should not be trumped by the construction of homes. Please vote in the public interest by not blocking historic public acces to this coastal space and helping to create a real coastal trail. I have enjoyed Edwards Beach since the mid 70's and believe it is in the best interests of the people of the county not to have the trail up by the freeway or public access blocked.

Sincerely,

Bill Palmisano 1578 Las Canoas Rd. SB 93105

the construction of large estate-style homes that would block historic public access, destroy scenic coastal open space, and locate the Coastal Trail north of Highway 101 nearly  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile from the beach. The proper siting of the California Coastal Trail is on the bluff tops within the sight and sound of the ocean.