

Abib, Daniela

From: Mark Cooper <mcooper@calpoly.edu>
Sent: Thursday, February 12, 2015 7:18 AM
To: sbcob
Cc: coastaltrail@sbtrails.org
Subject: No Approval Without an Easement --Our Children Will Thank Us!

Dear Chair Wolf and Board members,

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:

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

Sincerely,

Mark A. Cooper
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Abib, Daniela

From: Drew Quine <drewski808@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 12, 2015 7:17 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,

Do not destroy one of the last unaltered segments of our coastline. Allow access for everyone. By building here you extinguish the future of our children ever being able to enjoy this prestige area. The coastline is limited. Go inland if you want to build. There is plenty of suitable land there. Oh and one other thing, WE DONT HAVE ANY WATER! We're in a drought and you want to supply millions of gallons to new residential projects on top of what we're already going through. Don't let money be your only motivation. Remember you are representing the interests of all Santa Barbara residents present and future.

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Abib, Daniela

From: Nathan Torres <ntorres244@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 11, 2015 11:39 PM
To: sbcob
Cc: Farr, Doreen; coastaltrail@sbtrails.org
Subject: Las Varas Ranch Development, Coastal Trail and Open Space

Dear Chair Wolf and Board members,

I am a UCSB student and I run cross country. I enjoy the Ellwood bluffs and scenic runs this beautiful are has to offer. I would greatly appreciate if Las Vargas stayed open for it's aesthetic views and open trails. These trails mean a lot to runners like me. In a modern world where it's hard to go out on a run without pound your knees on concrete, open dirt trails are a treasure. Also, the environmental degradation it would cause troubles my conscience as well. Thanks for reading.

Sincerely,
Nathan Torres,

Abib, Daniela

From: Anthony Ortolan <anthonyortolan23@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 11, 2015 11:02 PM
To: sbcob
Cc: Farr, Doreen
Subject: California Coastal Trail

Dear Chair Wolf and Board members,

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The Central Coast is known for its picturesque coastlines and environmental friendliness, a recreational trail like this one would only enhance the community and set the standard for future generations to cherish the beautiful natural landscapes of the area.

Best Regards,
Anthony Ortolan, Santa Barbara County

Abib, Daniela

From: wendy <w_winkler@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 11, 2015 9:57 PM
To: sbcob
Cc: Farr, Doreen; coastaltrail@sbtrails.org
Subject: Coastal Trail at Las Varas Ranch

Dear Chair Wolf and Board members,

I am a Goleta resident who often enjoys walking the bluffs on Ellwood Mesa. I notice many other people—families, groups of friends, and solo hikers—also enjoying the experience. It's so satisfying to gaze out at the ocean and to look down on the beach. I have many times watched the dolphins frolic or the pelicans dive and I come away feeling more lighthearted.

I know that Goleta worked very hard to establish the Ellwood Mesa Open Space. I hope that the Board of Supervisors can keep the California Coastal Trail running along the bluffs at Las Varas Ranch for the benefit of current and future generations. Once that access is gone, there will be no going back.
Thank you for your consideration of my request.

Sincerely,

Wendy Winkler

Abib, Daniela

From: Bart W Tarman <barttarman@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 11, 2015 8:25 PM
To: sbcob
Cc: Farr, Doreen; coastaltrail@sbtrails.org
Subject: Las Varas Ranch Development, Coastal Trail and Open Space

Dear Chair Wolf and Board members,

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Sincerely,

Rev. Bart Tarman

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From: Sue Hollingsworth <sue@shollingsworth.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 11, 2015 8:17 PM
To: sbcob; Farr, Doreen
Subject: Las Varas Ranch & CA Coastal Trail

Dear Clerk of the Board -

Please distribute this e-mail to each of the members of the Board of Supervisors. Thank you.

Dear Supervisor Doreen Farr and her fellow Supervisors -

Please do everything you can to provide public access to a California Coastal Trail route right by the shore in the Las Vargas Ranch area of the beautiful Gaviota Coast. I have walked along most of the shoreline of the Gaviota Coast, and hope that my grandchildren will have unfettered access to this natural treasure. The open space on top of bluff at Las Varas Ranch is an important component of this unspoiled area, which should be available to the community, not just to a few landowners. Please don't let a few wealthy, powerful, or influential people restrict the public's access to this irreplaceable resource. The hearing on Las Varas development is scheduled at your meeting on February 17.

Steps that you are in a position to take include:

Supporting the Planning Commission to obtain a revised EIR that fully addresses the impacts of the proposed construction of large homes and limited access by the public.

Protecting the historic informal public coastal access to Edwards Point.

Requiring dedication of an easement very close to the shore for the CA Coastal Trail.

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

Thank you so much for your vision and courage in preserving this valuable area for generations to come. I am a resident of Santa Barbara, a voter, and a person who appreciates how well Santa Barbara's leaders over many years have protected our coastal areas from a host of development mechanisms.

Sue Hollingsworth

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Abib, Daniela

From: Sarah Wildwood <sarahwildwood@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 11, 2015 8:12 PM
To: sbcob; Farr, Doreen
Subject: Las Varas Ranch Development, Coastal Trail and Open Space

Dear Chair Wolf and Board members,

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:

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Sincerely,

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From: Mark Anderson <blackfish123mark@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 11, 2015 7:16 PM
To: sbcob
Cc: Farr, Doreen; coastaltrail@sbtrails.org
Subject: Las Varas Ranch Development, Coastal Trail and Open Space

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Sincerely,

Mark Anderson

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From: Brooke Evans <brookeevans@umail.ucsb.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, February 11, 2015 5:11 PM
To: sbcob
Cc: Farr, Doreen
Subject: Protect the Bluffs!!

Dear Chair Wolf and Board members,

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Best Regards,
Brooke Evans

Abib, Daniela

From: Chris Massanari <chrismassanari@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 03, 2015 11:05 AM
To: sbcob
Cc: Farr, Doreen
Subject: Protect and Enhance Gaviota Coastal Access

I respectfully request that the County ensure that the draft Gaviota Coastal Plan:

- Locate the California Coastal Trail on the blufftop as close as possible to the shoreline
- Protect all existing coastal access
- Include tools and strong policies to acquire new trails and coastal access from future development

Thank you,
Chris Massanari

Lenzi, Chelsea

From: Jim Balsitis <jim@coyotetrack.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 11, 2015 4:30 PM
To: sbcob
Cc: Farr, Doreen; coastaltrail@sbtrails.org
Subject: Las Varas Ranch Development, Coastal Trail and Open Space

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The trail systems within Santa Barbara County, including those in state parks, national forest and other properties, both public and private are such an amazing asset to those who live and work here. Santa Barbara is known for its trails and its also known for its healthy lifestyle. So many people rely on trails for exercise and personal enjoyment.

The coastal areas are especially important from a historic and cultural point of view dating back to the Chumash Indians up to the surfing culture. I can't imagine being able to walk on a trail called a coastal trail and not being able to see or reach the actual coast.

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

Sincerely,

Jim Balsitis
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Santa Barbara, CA 93111
T: 805-708-1421

Lenzi, Chelsea

From: Liz La Rovere <liz93460@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 11, 2015 4:13 PM
To: sbcob
Cc: Farr, Doreen; coastaltrail@sbtrails.org
Subject: Las Varas Ranch Development, Coastal Trail and Open Space

Dear Chair Wolf and Board members,

I am concerned about the impacts of the Las Varas Ranch development on future coastal trails and access. It is in the general public's and the community's best interest to protect our scenic coastal open space now, before further development.

I urge the Board of Supervisors to require dedication of an easement for a near-shore California Coastal Trail sited in an ocean view bluff-top location. In addition I urge you to protect historic informal public coastal access to Edwards Point, and support the County's Coastal Plan that identifies Edwards Point as a major Coastal Park.

Please do everything possible to acquire a near-shore California Coastal Trail and protect bluff-top open space on Las Varas Ranch! It is possible to have a bluff-top coastal trail and open space similar to Ellwood Mesa that can be enjoyed by all, and not just a handful of wealthy residents.

The proper siting of the California Coastal Trail is on the coastal bluff top within the sight and sound of the ocean. Please consider how you can provide public access to and along 2 miles of scenic shoreline on Gaviota's Las Varas Ranch, including placement of the California Coastal Trail.

Sincerely,

Liz La Rovere

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Santa Ynez

From: Andrew Lindsey <andgolightly@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 11, 2015 11:21 AM
To: sbcob
Cc: Farr, Doreen
Subject: Las Varas Ranch Development, Coastal Trail and Open Space

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The Planning Commission should speak for the people NOT the 1%. Its 2015 for crying out loud, how much more evidence do you need that sprawling elitist development is short sighted and irresponsible.

***Best,
Andrew Lindsey***

Lenzi, Chelsea

From: Melissa Curtin <mlocurtin@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 11, 2015 9:46 AM
To: sbcob
Cc: Farr, Doreen; coastaltrail@sbtrails.org
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. This approach aligns with the West Coast's long standing tradition of allowing access to the commons of the coast. It's very important that we not turn into an East Coast privatization of the splendor of California's beautiful coastline.

Sincerely,

Melissa L. Curtin

Santa Barbara, CA 93105

Lenzi, Chelsea

From: Mindy Munns <mindymunns@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 11, 2015 10:08 AM
To: sbcob
Cc: Farr, Doreen; coastaltrail@sbtrails.org
Subject: Las Varas Ranch Development, Coastal Trail and Open Space

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Sincerely, Mindy Sue Munnd

Sent from my iPhone

Lenzi, Chelsea

From: Amanda Moreno <amoreno218@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 11, 2015 1:46 PM
To: sbcob
Cc: Farr, Doreen
Subject: Coastal Trail and Open Space

Dear Chair Wolf and Board members,

As a cross country coach at UCSB and active person, having a nearshore coastal trail would have a major positive impact on our community. I know myself and several others utilize the open bluff space at Ellwood. It would mean a lot to me and my team to also have the same type of space out at Las Varas ranch. There is no better feeling than to be able to hop onto a trail along the ocean and enjoy nature in such an intimate way. I also happen to be a resident of Las Varas Canyon and think it would be a huge asset to the members of that community to have access to that space.

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**Best Regards,
Amanda Moreno-Babineaux**

Lenzi, Chelsea

From: Lynda Schiff <lyndaschiff@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 11, 2015 1:10 PM
To: sbcob
Cc: Farr, Doreen; coastaltrail@sbtrails.org
Subject: Las Varas Ranch Development, Coastal Trail and Open Space

Dear Chair Wolf and Board members,

We are very fortunate that here on the Central Coast our right to access the coast is protected. Please continue to assure that access to coastal areas is provided, especially in areas where it has historically been available. I respectfully request that the Board of Supervisors:

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Sincerely,

Lynda Schiff
Santa Maria

Lenzi, Chelsea

From: Dot <dotsalogga@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 11, 2015 12:48 PM
To: sbcob
Cc: Farr, Doreen
Subject: Las Varas Ranch Development, Coastal Trail and Open Space

Dear Chair Wolf and Board members,

I have recently moved to California. I have enjoyed the wonderful hikes on preserved public lands. I look forward to many coastal trails hikes to share with my family this coming summer.

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Please do everything possible to acquire a nearshore California Coastal Trail and protect blufftop open space on Las Varas Ranch! One of the aspects I've always respected about California is public access to beaches and dedicated open spaces for hiking. It would be such a shame to have a development take away pristine hiking areas.

Sincerely,

Dorothy L Salogga
Goleta, California

Lenzi, Chelsea

From: Kaz Mohit <kazmohit@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 11, 2015 11:34 AM
To: sbcob
Cc: Farr, Doreen
Subject: Las Varas Ranch Development, Coastal Trail and Open Space IMPORTANT

Dear Honorable Chair Wolf and Esteem Board members,

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

As a concerned & voting outdoor enthusiast , I am very troubled about the Las Varas Ranch development on coastal trails and access and it's harmful impact.

I urging the Board of Supervisors to:

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Please use your power for the good of the community as a whole and everything possible to acquire a nearshore California Coastal Trail and protect blufftop open space on Las Varas Ranch!

With Kind Regards,

Kaz Mohit