The Nevilles 647 Wildflower Drive Orcutt, CA 93455

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Chair Wolfe Members of the Board of Supervisors

We moved into Rice Ranch three years ago while the old contractor was still involved. While we had misgivings about a new contractor taking over, we have been delighted in the look and quality of the new homes, the improvement of landscape maintenance of the common areas, and the maintenance of the County Park by Shea while the County is unable to do so.

We have toured the Shea development in Nipomo and, between our observations there and in Orcutt, it is clear that Shea's intent is to provide good quality, attractive neighborhoods with a sense of responsibility to the community.

We respectfully request that the Board of Supervisors approved the Rice Ranch Specific Plan as submitted by the applicant. The open space and trails benefit the entire community. The access roads are necessary to ensure expedient response times by emergency vehicles. The payment of fees to meet the affordable housing obligation would ensure that such housing could be located in an area closer to needed transportation, medical offices and government facilities.

Thank you for your efforts on Santa Barbara County's behalf. We feel fortunate to live in this area.

Sincerely,

Mike and Nancy Neville

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