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VIA EMAIL TO SBCOB@CO.SANTA-BARBARA.CA.US

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

RE: Item No. 4: Response to California Coastal Commission's Proposed Modifications to Gaviota Plan May 15, 2018 Board of Supervisors Hearing

Dear Chair Williams and Members of the Board:

Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck, LLP represents MAZ Properties, Inc., and its related entities: Grey Fox, LLC, Poppy Mountain, LLC, Bean Blossom, LLC, Rocky Grass, LLC and Winter Hawk, LLC (together, **Owner**), record title owner of approximately 3,500 acres of land on the Gaviota Coast known as Rancho de Tajiguas (**Property**). The Property has been in agricultural production for the last 100 years and still contains substantial avocado, persimmon and lemon groves, and a cattle grazing operation. The Owner has invested significantly in the Property and its agricultural, residential and habitat improvements over the past approximately 30 years, and cares very deeply about the long term land use goals and policy implications for sustainability, restoration, development, agriculture, recreation and open space along the Gaviota Coast.

On Owner's behalf, we are writing to express our great concern pertaining to the proposed modifications by the California Coastal Commission (**Commission**) to the Gaviota Coast Plan as approved by your Board. The evaluation of proposed responses to the Commission's substantial modifications is on your agenda May 15 agenda. Owner participated in the Gaviota Coast Plan approval process and wants to fully understand the implications of the Commission's proposed modifications and the County's proposed responses. We just received notice of this matter, and given the plethora of documentation now becoming available for review, we only have two (2) days to review and respond, not including the weekend.

As such, we are deeply concerned that there is not enough time to fully review and prepare a response in a meaningful way, and so we formally request that you not make any decision at the May 15th hearing regarding the Commission's modifications and instead continue the hearing so that the Owner, and other members of the public interested in the long term status of Gaviota Coast, can have a reasonable opportunity to work with the County to prepare complete and informed responses to the Commission's proposed modifications.

Respectfully,

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