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Dear Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors,

Of the options that the Board is considering regarding STR's in the Coastal Zone I urge you to direct staff to (iii) "pursue a different approach", and not put further effort into either (i) a new amendment for an expanded Historic Overlay" or (ii) a new amendment to apply the previously proposed standards.

In rejecting the Counties proposal to allow STR's only in a Historic Overlay, homestays and subject to new development standards, the Coastal Commission clearly stated that:

- The commissioners expressed concern that the prohibition was unbalanced and inconsistent with the County's LUP and Coastal Act
- The commission also determined that home stays do not provide adequate space or privacy desired by families who visit the coast
- The commission suggested that non-hosted STR must be maintained to provide affordable overnight accommodations for families and large groups visiting the coast
- They do not want to limit the public's access to the beach and ability to recreate on the coast
- They do not want to reduce residential overnight affordable accommodations for coastal visitors
- They do not want a plan which results in a reduction of the existing stock of STR's
- They do not want to reduce opportunities for families to stay near the coast
- They do not want to discourage families from traveling to the SB coast all together

As attested by the overwhelming testimony received from hundreds of visiting families and others during this process- maintaining STR's in the Coastal Zone has strong public support.

Placing a cap on the total number of STR's in the Coastal Zone and, grandfathering in all existing Coastal zone STR's is a simple and pragmatic approach which has much greater odds of approval by the Coastal Commission than other options being considered.

Respectfully,

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