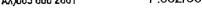
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I am writing to ask the Board to allow Crossroads to continue to host events at their facility. As the Head of School at The Family School, a small independent school out Figueroa Mountain Road from Los Olivos, I know what such a venue can add to community events. For three years our school has held its annual dinner auction at Crossroads. We had searched without much success for an appropriate site and were delighted when Crossroads was made available to us, and further pleased with the generous offer to waive the site rental that was made in acknowledgement of our non-profit status. The festive atmosphere and financial success of our auctions were very much enhanced by this very special place.

I have also attended a public informational event at Crossroads presented by the Walter Capps Foundation of UC Santa Barbara, an afternoon concert to raise funds for a community chorale, and a wine and hors d'oeuvre fundraiser for a locally beloved international charity. The venue is well suited for a wide variety of gatherings, and has for years showcased the beauty, the community spirit, and the increasingly important wine industry of our county.

Crossroads is unique in its beautiful rural setting, and its surrounding vineyards serve as a reminder of the agricultural strength of Santa Barbara County. Please allow this community asset to continue to serve us by hosting events.

Sincerely,

Miki Holden, Head of School