

- III. The Board of Supervisors has received the following items of correspondence which require no official action by the Board at this time:

# Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors Proclamation

HONORING DEYANIRA MATSUO-ALBOR

WHEREAS, the mission of the Queer Youth Leadership Awards is to improve the lives of LGBTQ+ youth in our community by increasing positive awareness of queer youth leadership and increasing safe and welcoming environments at home, at school, and in the community; and

WHEREAS, the Ally to Queer Youth Award is given annually to honor a community member that has made significant contributions to improving the lives of LGBTQ+ youth in Santa Cruz County; and

WHEREAS, Deyanira Matsuo-Albor, known affectionately to students as Matsuo, serves as the lead custodian at Lakeview Middle School in Watsonville and is an integral and beloved member of the school community; and

WHEREAS, beyond her professional role, Matsuo stands out as a devoted ally to the LGBTQ+ community, showing her support by attending Lakeview's LGBTQ+ events and volunteering her time with the Queer Straight Alliance (QSA) club; and

WHEREAS, when students planned to create a rainbow door for National Coming Out Day, Matsuo ensured their safety and success by reinforcing the doorframe, demonstrating her care not only for their expression, but for their well-being; and

WHEREAS, each day, Matsuo invites students to help her raise the progress pride flag—an act that affirms diverse identities and honors the ongoing pursuit of LGBTQ+ equality and visibility; and

WHEREAS, through her compassion, reliability, and quiet strength, Matsuo has become a trusted confidant and protector of LGBTQ+ students and staff, standing firmly against hate and fostering an inclusive environment in both word and deed; and

WHEREAS, Deyanira unwavering allyship, empathy, and everyday advocacy have created a lasting sense of safety, pride, and belonging for the entire Lakeview Middle School community.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Felipe Hernandez, Chair of the Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors, hereby honor and recognize Deyanira Matsuo-Albor as the recipient of the 2025 Ally to Queer Youth Award.



  
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*Chairperson, Board of Supervisors*

May 10, 2025

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*Date*

# Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors Proclamation

HONORING DONNA LIND  
SCOTTS VALLEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
2024 AMBASSADOR OF THE YEAR

WHEREAS, Scotts Valley City Councilmember Donna Lind will celebrate an extraordinary 57 years of service with the City of Scotts Valley in August 2025, marking a career defined by leadership, civic dedication, and unwavering commitment to the community; and

WHEREAS, Donna made history as Scotts Valley's first female Police Officer and first female Police Sergeant, breaking barriers in local law enforcement and serving as a role model for women in public safety; and

WHEREAS, upon her retirement from the Scotts Valley Police Department in 2006, Donna continued her legacy of service by joining the Scotts Valley Chamber of Commerce as a Chamber Ambassador, where she has remained an active and integral member for nearly two decades; and

WHEREAS, as the longest-serving Chamber Ambassador, Donna has made significant contributions to the success of countless community events including ribbon cuttings, grand openings, business walks, the Annual Art, Wine & Beer Festival and the Cops 'N Rodders Car Show; and

WHEREAS, Donna currently serves as President of the Fallen Officer Foundation, is an active member of her Church Council, and continues to serve her city with distinction as a member of the Scotts Valley City Council since 2008, including three terms as mayor; and

WHEREAS, Donna is widely respected for her deep relationships with local businesses and her enthusiasm for welcoming and supporting new enterprises in Scotts Valley, strengthening the local economy and community spirit; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Monica Martinez, Santa Cruz County Fifth District Supervisor, do hereby recognize and congratulate Donna Lind as the Scotts Valley Chamber of Commerce's 2024 Chamber Ambassador of the Year and encourage the residents of Scotts Valley to join me in acknowledging her many accomplishments.



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Member, Board of Supervisors

May 9, 2025

Date

# Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors Proclamation

## HONORING ENALAYAH RIVERA NEESE

WHEREAS, the mission of the Queer Youth Leadership Awards is to improve the lives of LGBTQ+ youth in our community by increasing positive awareness of queer youth leadership and increasing safe and welcoming environments at home, at school, and in the community; and

WHEREAS, the Queer Youth Leadership Award is given annually to queer youth who are 12 to 18 years of age to acknowledge their accomplishments and the contributions they have made to their communities, whether in their homes, schools, religious institutions, athletic or academic teams, or other social groups; and

WHEREAS, Enalayah Rivera Neese is a strong and resilient woman of color who stands as a powerful advocate for justice, working tirelessly to uplift both herself and her community; and

WHEREAS, as a leader in Delta's Charter High School's Queer Straight Alliance (QSA), Enalayah creates meeting agendas and facilitates inclusive group discussions, ensuring that all members feel safe, supported, and heard; and

WHEREAS, Enalayah also spearheaded a wide-reaching community service project through their leadership class at Delta, supporting Santa Cruz's unhoused population through fundraising, resource drives, and a partnership with Food Not Bombs to distribute supplies; and

WHEREAS, in response to growing threats toward LGBTQ+ and undocumented youth, Enalayah advocated for stronger protections by urging school leadership and the board to safeguard student privacy and develop clear protocols in the event of an ICE presence on campus; and

WHEREAS, beyond their activism, Enalayah is a creative force who expresses herself through original poetry, is composing a coming-of-age memoir, and is conducting research on the impact of substance use on teen mental health; and

WHEREAS, Enalayah's vision, compassion, and bold leadership have made a lasting impact on their school and community, inspiring others to speak up, act with empathy, and strive for meaningful change.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Felipe Hernandez, Chair of the Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors, hereby honor and recognize Enalayah Rivera Neese as a recipient of the 2025 Queer Youth Leadership Award.



  
Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

May 10, 2025

Date

# Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors Proclamation

HONORING IZABELLA LEON

WHEREAS, the mission of the Queer Youth Leadership Awards is to improve the lives of LGBTQ+ youth in our community by increasing positive awareness of queer youth leadership and increasing safe and welcoming environments at home, at school, and in the community; and

WHEREAS, the Queer Youth Leadership Award is given annually to queer youth who are 12 to 18 years of age to acknowledge their accomplishments and the contributions they have made to their communities, whether in their homes, schools, religious institutions, athletic or academic teams, or other social groups; and

WHEREAS, Izabella Leon serves as President of Pajaro Valley High School's (PVHS) Gay Straight Alliance Club and as the Associated Student Body Commissioner of Multicultural Events, where she has helped lead powerful initiatives such as Ruby Bridges Walk to School Day and the Pajaro Valley Unified School District's first joint National Coming Out Day; and

WHEREAS, Izabella is also deeply engaged in Ethnic Literature Studies and Student Action Council, where they contributed to revising the PVHS student handbook to include clearer definitions of hate-motivated speech and supported English Learner students in creating impactful CARE presentations on topics such as the history of slurs and maladaptive coping strategies; and

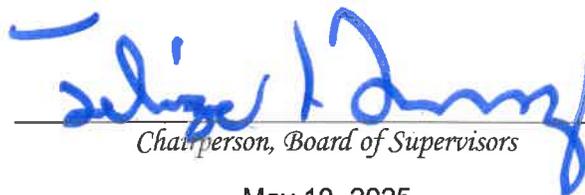
WHEREAS, through their involvement with the Youth Action Network, Izabella has helped connect youth-serving organizations, shared vital resources, and advocated for the City of Watsonville to adopt the 41 Developmental Assets Framework for Youth as a universal behavioral health standard; and

WHEREAS, as Co-chair and Youth Commissioner for the Teen Action Council and a member of Watsonville's Parks and Recreation Commission, Izabella has taken bold steps to bridge the gap between youth and local government, calling for increased youth representation on boards such as Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) and Santa Cruz's Youth Council, expanded access to substance abuse and mental health resources, and greater investment in afterschool programming; and

WHEREAS, Izabella's unwavering leadership, community vision, and commitment to equity and representation have made a profound and lasting difference in the lives of young people throughout her school and community.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Felipe Hernandez, Chair of the Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors, hereby honor and recognize Izabella Leon as a recipient of the 2025 Queer Youth Leadership Award.



  
Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

May 10, 2025

Date

# Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors Proclamation

## PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING FIESTAS PATRIAS DE WATSONVILLE

WHEREAS, Fiestas Patrias de Watsonville was founded in 1990 in the aftermath of the devastating 1989 Loma Prieta earthquake as a way to restore vitality and foster a sense of community in downtown Watsonville; and

WHEREAS, the inaugural Fiestas Patrias festivals, held on Peck Street, were born from the collective efforts of community leaders, local businesses, organizations, and residents, all of whom came together to create an inclusive, celebratory space—especially for farm workers by scheduling the events on Sundays to enhance accessibility; and

WHEREAS, dedicated to honoring the spirit of Mexican independence and celebrating the rich cultural heritage of the local community, Fiestas Patrias festivals have remained free of alcohol and tobacco, preserving a family-friendly environment despite challenges such as declining sponsorship funds, ensuring a safe and welcoming space for all attendees; and

WHEREAS, established and sponsored by La Alianza del Valle Pajaro, a non-profit organization founded to support cannery workers, Fiestas Patrias has upheld its grassroots values, with volunteers consistently dedicating their time and energy to organize and support the event year after year; and

WHEREAS, over the years, Fiestas Patrias has grown in both popularity and significance, attracting people from surrounding areas, prompting downtown businesses to prepare for larger crowds, and fostering partnerships with churches, non-profits, vendors, and local government agencies to ensure the festivals' continued success; and

WHEREAS, the festival has evolved to feature renowned bands, mariachi groups, folkloric dance troupes, youth and Aztec dancers, along with games, craft booths, and food vendors, creating a vibrant and festive atmosphere eagerly anticipated by families throughout the region; and

WHEREAS, Fiestas Patrias has become a beloved tradition in Watsonville, with generations of families returning year after year to celebrate culture, history, and community, passing down this cherished tradition to their children and grandchildren.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Supervisor Felipe Hernandez, on behalf of the Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors, do hereby recognize Fiestas Patrias de Watsonville for their enduring commitment and spirit of service, which has made Fiestas Patrias a symbol of cultural pride, unity, and family for 35 years.





*Member, Board of Supervisors*

May 5, 2025

*Date*

# Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors Proclamation

HONORING KISSED BY AN ANGEL WINES  
SCOTTS VALLEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
2024 BUSINESS OF THE YEAR

WHEREAS, Kissed by an Angel Wines has been named the 2024 Scotts Valley Business of the Year by the Scotts Valley Chamber of Commerce in recognition of its outstanding community impact, heartfelt mission, and generous philanthropic efforts; and

WHEREAS, founded by Larry and Lisa Olivo, Kissed by an Angel Wines has consistently supported a wide range of local causes, including school fundraisers, the Fallen Officer Foundation, and numerous Scotts Valley Chamber of Commerce events; and

WHEREAS, Larry, a third-generation winemaker, has shared over thirty years of experience and family tradition in the craft of winemaking, blending passion, history, and a sense of community into every bottle; and

WHEREAS, the winery was named in loving memory of Larry and Lisa's daughter, Amanda, who passed away at the age of 22, and whose legacy continues to inspire acts of compassion and generosity; and

WHEREAS, through their dedication and charitable spirit, Kissed by an Angel Wines has raised over \$100,000 for the Make-A-Wish Foundation, making a meaningful difference in the lives of children and families in Amanda's honor; and

WHEREAS, in 2024, Larry and Lisa passed the torch to Amy and Phil Watson, who will continue the winery's mission and community focus, ensuring that the values of love, legacy, and service endure.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Monica Martinez, Santa Cruz County Fifth District Supervisor, do hereby recognize and congratulate Kissed by an Angel Wines as the 2024 Business of the Year, and encourage the residents of Scotts Valley to join me in acknowledging the many accomplishments of founders Larry and Lisa Olivo.



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*Member, Board of Supervisors*

May 9, 2025

*Date*

# Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors Proclamation

HONORING JANET JOHNS AS  
SANTA CRUZ COUNTY'S 2025 ARTIST OF THE YEAR

WHEREAS, as an Assyrian woman, mother, educator, dance instructor, choreographer and a performing artist in Santa Cruz County for over 45 years, Janet Johns has experienced firsthand the power of the arts for healing a community and bringing people together; and

WHEREAS, Janet began studying folklorico dance at age 18 as a university student at San Jose State University, where she learned from her mentor, Ramon Morones Ortiz, the importance of learning authentic steps, style and choreography from master instructors and keepers of the traditions of Mexico; and

WHEREAS, in 1978 Janet co-founded Esperanza del Valle and in 1980 established Esperanza del Valle as a performing company providing hundreds of dancers the opportunity to train and perform folklorico dance for over 44 years; and

WHEREAS, Janet has volunteered in the Santa Cruz County arts scene for over 40 years, including serving on the commission supporting the arts in Watsonville, as a founding member of the Watsonville Film Festival, and with Esperanza del Valle partnering with the Watsonville Center for the Arts; and

WHEREAS, Janet has produced annual gala theater performances in the Greater Santa Cruz Tri-County area with Esperanza del Valle, bringing the best of Mexican dance and music to our community for 4+ decades, as well as collaborating and performing with El Teatro Campesino, Santa Cruz Symphony, and Tandy Beal and Company; and

WHEREAS, Janet has received numerous awards and accolades, including a proclamation from the mayor and the City of Watsonville in 2020 recognizing her 40 years of leadership with Esperanza del Valle; The Watsonville City Council Mayor's Award in 2014 in recognition of her leadership in the City of Watsonville; a Gail Rich Award in 2002 for her community service in the arts; and a Calabash Award in 2001 for Excellence in the Ethnic Art; and

WHEREAS, Janet is very proud of her son, Gabriel Johns Robledo, who teaches folklorico and drama at Pajaro Valley High School, inspiring new generations of adolescents to see themselves as artists and agents of change.

NOW, THEREFORE, Felipe Hernandez, Chair of the Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors, and Kimberly De Serpa, Santa Cruz County Second District Supervisor, and do hereby honor Janet Johns as Santa Cruz County's 2025 Artist of the Year in recognition of her significant contributions to the arts and to the Santa Cruz County community.



*Kim De Serpa*  
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*Felipe Hernandez*  
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*Chairperson, Board of Supervisors*

May 9, 2025

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*Date*

# Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors Proclamation

PROCLAIMING MAY 2025 AS  
OLDER AMERICANS MONTH IN THE COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ

WHEREAS, as of 2023, 26.6% of Santa Cruz County's population, approximately 69,563 of residents, were aged 60 or older, and by 2030 it is estimated that 30 percent of the county population will be over the age of 60; and

WHEREAS, older adults of every race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, immigration status, ability, and economic background contribute their strength, wisdom, and experience to our community, and fulfill many roles including caregivers, community leaders, and volunteers; and

WHEREAS, our entire county benefits when people of all ages, abilities, and backgrounds are welcomed, included, and supported; and

WHEREAS, the County of Santa Cruz recognizes our need to create a community that provides the services that support older Americans' ability to stay involved in their communities-reflecting our commitment to inclusivity and connectedness; and

WHEREAS, today there is a system of collaboration among the County of Santa Cruz (County) Human Services Department's Adult & Long-Term Care Division, Seniors Council (Area Agency on Aging), local municipalities, and many community services partners that serve and advocate for the needs of older adults, and the County is committed to building an even better community for our older residents by creating and promoting a livable community for all residents, creating equitable and inclusive systems and programs, and increasing access to services that support healthy aging in place; and

WHEREAS, the national theme for Older Americans Month 2025 is "Flip the Script on Aging" with a focus on transforming how society perceives, talks about, and approaches aging, so as to encourage individuals and communities to challenge stereotypes, dispel misconceptions and positively impact meaningful interactions and social connection of older adults in our community; and

WHEREAS, in 2023, the County successfully earned its first "Age-Friendly Community" designation by the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) as part of our ongoing county-wide Network of Age-Friendly Communities initiative, leveraging our commitment to engaging older adults in developing a blueprint for strategies and partnerships that promote healthy aging for all as part of the County's current and ongoing efforts to develop a local Master Plan for Aging, in partnership with the Seniors Council and local cities within the county.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Felipe Hernandez, Chair of the Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors, hereby proclaim the month of May 2025 to be Older Americans Month in the County of Santa Cruz, and, call upon all residents to join me in recognizing the contributions of our older citizens and in promoting programs and activities that foster connection, inclusion, and support for older adults.



  
Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

April 29, 2025

Date

# Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors Proclamation

PROCLAIMING THE WEEK OF MAY 18 THROUGH MAY 25, 2025  
AS PUBLIC WORKS WEEK IN SANTA CRUZ COUNTY

WHEREAS, Public Works infrastructure, facilities, and services are of vital importance to the health, safety, and well-being of the residents of Santa Cruz County; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Cruz County Division of Public Works crews are called upon at all hours of the day and night to perform maintenance, and repair and resolve emergencies as they arise throughout the county, thereby protecting residents and their properties from harm; and

WHEREAS, Public Works professionals design, build, operate, and maintain various Public Works infrastructure, systems, and programs such as water, sewer, drainage, bridge, street, and roadside maintenance, traffic controls and signage, storm damage repairs, flood control, capital projects, solid waste disposal and recycling, county service areas, parking programs, development review and surveying, property management, and administrative services; and

WHEREAS, the quality and effectiveness of these facilities, as well as their planning, design, and construction, are fundamentally dependent upon the efforts and skills of Public Works employees at all levels; and

WHEREAS, the support of an understanding and informed community is essential to the efficient operation of Public Works' system and programs; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to publicly recognize the level of skill and commitment demonstrated by the employees of the Santa Cruz County Division of Public Works.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Felipe Hernandez, Chair of the Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors, hereby proclaim the week of May 18 through May 25, 2025, as Public Works Week in Santa Cruz County.



  
Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

May 6, 2025  
Date

# Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors Proclamation

HONORING SHARON WILLEY  
SCOTTS VALLEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
2024 WOMAN OF THE YEAR

WHEREAS, Sharon Willey has been named the 2024 Scotts Valley Woman of the Year by the Scotts Valley Chamber of Commerce in recognition of her extraordinary commitment to education, community service, and volunteer leadership; and

WHEREAS, as the current President of the Scotts Valley High School Parent Club, Sharon has worked tirelessly to uplift and support students, teachers, and staff, demonstrating unwavering dedication and care in every aspect of her service; and

WHEREAS, Sharon is leading the planning of the 25th Anniversary celebration for Scotts Valley High School (SVHS), playing a central role in honoring the school's legacy and fostering pride among students, alumni, and the community; and

WHEREAS, through her leadership, Sharon has organized teacher appreciation events, led fundraising efforts, supported the successful passage of Measure O, and coordinated the display of senior banners along Scotts Valley Drive to celebrate graduating students; and

WHEREAS, Sharon was instrumental in reviving the beloved SVHS Haunted House tradition and establishing a Safe and Sober Grad Night, ensuring a meaningful and secure celebration for graduating seniors; and

WHEREAS, Sharon's deep involvement in school and community initiatives reflects not only her passion for education but also her dedication as the proud mother of Alexandra Morairty, Scotts Valley's 2025 Youth of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Sharon's compassion, leadership, and tireless volunteerism exemplify the very best of community spirit in Scotts Valley.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Monica Martinez, Santa Cruz County Fifth District Supervisor, do hereby recognize and congratulate Sharon Willey as the Scotts Valley Chamber of Commerce's 2024 Woman of the Year and encourage residents of Scotts Valley to join me in acknowledging her many accomplishments.



  
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*Member, Board of Supervisors*

May 9, 2025

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*Date*

# Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors Proclamation

## HONORING THE RAÍCES Y CARIÑO FAMILY CENTER

WHEREAS, the mission of the Queer Youth Leadership Awards is to improve the lives of LGBTQ+ youth in our community by increasing positive awareness of queer youth leadership and increasing safe and welcoming environments at home, at school, and in the community; and

WHEREAS, the Organizational Ally to Queer Youth Award is given annually to honor an organization that has made significant contributions to improving the lives of LGBTQ+ youth in Santa Cruz County; and

WHEREAS, established in 2022, the Raíces y Cariño Family Center has become a vital part of the Pajaro Valley community, offering a welcoming and affirming space where LGBTQ+ youth and families are supported and celebrated; and

WHEREAS, the Raíces y Cariño Family Center, or RC Fam as it is known, proudly displays LGBTQ+ affirming signs, provides culturally responsive support in Spanish, and collaborates with organizations such as TransFamilies, The Diversity Center, and the Rainbow Defense Coalition (RDC) to host inclusive meetings, trainings, and events; and

WHEREAS, staff from RC Fam are regularly invited to schools and agencies to share knowledge and raise awareness around culturally representative LGBTQ+ issues, helping to foster understanding and inclusivity across the region; and

WHEREAS, RC Fam has also opened its doors to PRISM, a bimonthly Gay Straight Alliance community for queer, trans, and ally students, and to the Rainbow Playgroup, a monthly bilingual gathering for LGBTQ+ families with elementary-age children; and

WHEREAS, in 2023, RC Fam hosted its first bilingual Drag Story Time, where drag artists read picture books and celebrated joy with local families, and when the event was met with an anonymous hate letter, RC Fam responded with courage, modeling how to stand with the LGBTQ+ community through compassion and education; and

WHEREAS, the Raíces y Cariño Family Center has created a lasting legacy of love, resilience, and cultural pride, helping to build a more inclusive and affirming Pajaro Valley for generations to come.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Felipe Hernandez, Chair of the Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors, hereby honor and recognize the Raíces y Cariño Family Center as the recipient of the 2025 Organizational Ally to Queer Youth Award.



  
Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

May 10, 2025

Date

# Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors Proclamation

HONORING CHIEF STEPHEN WALPOLE JR.  
SCOTTS VALLEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
2024 MAN OF THE YEAR

WHEREAS, Scotts Valley Police Chief Stephen Walpole Jr., a lifelong resident of Scotts Valley, has been named the 2024 Man of the Year by the Scotts Valley Chamber of Commerce in recognition of his enduring commitment to public service, community leadership, and civic engagement; and

WHEREAS, from an early age, Chief Walpole was taught the values of volunteerism and community involvement by his parents, which he carried into adulthood and shared with his wife, Melissa, with whom he has devoted countless hours to church service and local youth sports programs; and

WHEREAS, in 2014, after serving in law enforcement in Santa Clara County, Chief Walpole returned to Scotts Valley to serve his community within the Police Department, ultimately becoming Chief; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure as Chief, he has guided the city through significant challenges, including financial hardship, the COVID-19 pandemic, CZU Fire evacuations, and even a tornado, with steadfast leadership and unwavering dedication; and

WHEREAS, despite his demanding role at the Police Department and his responsibilities as a husband and father of two, Chief Walpole continues to dedicate his time and energy to causes that benefit the community, including the Scotts Valley Exchange Club, the Blue & Gold Dinner, the Tree Lighting Festival, and the 4th of July Parade; and

WHEREAS, Chief Walpole's deep-rooted commitment to Scotts Valley, his exemplary public service, and his tireless efforts to support local organizations reflect the very best of community leadership.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Monica Martinez, Santa Cruz County Fifth District Supervisor, do hereby recognize and congratulate Chief Stephen Walpole Jr. as the 2024 Man of the Year, and encourage residents of Scotts Valley to join me in acknowledging his many accomplishments.



  
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*Member, Board of Supervisors*

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May 9, 2025

*Date*

# Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors Proclamation

HONORING DEPUTY FIRE MARSHAL ERIN COLLINS  
SCOTTS VALLEY FIRE DEPARTMENT  
2024 EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR

WHEREAS, Deputy Fire Marshal Erin Collins has been named the 2024 Scotts Valley Fire Employee of the Year, in recognition of her exceptional dedication to fire prevention, public safety, and community service; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Fire Marshal Collins began her career over 25 years ago with the Aptos La Selva Fire District, and has since served with distinction in roles including Fire Prevention Specialist, Fire Inspector, and Deputy Fire Marshal II—bringing knowledge, experience, and a positive influence to every department she has served; and

WHEREAS, since joining the Scotts Valley Fire District in 2022, Deputy Fire Marshal Collins has demonstrated extraordinary leadership and initiative, setting a personal goal to inspect every commercial occupancy within her first two years—a goal she achieved in 2024, thus establishing a dependable biennial inspection cycle that significantly enhances the safety of local businesses and residents alike; and

WHEREAS, in January 2024, Deputy Fire Marshal Collins took on an additional leadership role as Interim Deputy Fire Marshal for the Central Fire District while continuing to fulfill her responsibilities in Scotts Valley; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Fire Marshal Collins is widely admired for her compassion, reliability, and collaborative spirit, and her work continues to elevate fire safety standards and inspire her coworkers in the fire service; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Monica Martinez, Santa Cruz County Fifth District Supervisor, do hereby congratulate and honor Deputy Fire Marshal Erin Collins on her selection as the 2024 Scotts Valley Fire Employee of the Year, and encourage the residents of Scotts Valley to join me in acknowledging her many accomplishments.



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*Member, Board of Supervisors*

May 7, 2025

*Date*

# Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors Proclamation

HONORING THE SCOTTS VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL HOPE SQUAD  
SCOTTS VALLEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
2024 ORGANIZATION OF THE YEAR

WHEREAS, the Scotts Valley High School Hope Squad was established three years ago as a student-led initiative dedicated to suicide prevention and mental health awareness among students at SVHS; and

WHEREAS, under the leadership of students Ella Webb and Alexa Ruiz, the Hope Squad has created a supportive environment where peers can reach out for guidance and access adult support, fostering a culture of openness and care; and

WHEREAS, the efforts of the Hope Squad have been instrumental in promoting mental well-being, reducing stigma, and providing critical resources to students in need; and

WHEREAS, the presence and activities of the Hope Squad have had a profound impact on the school community, contributing to the safety and well-being of students and demonstrating the power of peer-led support; and

WHEREAS, the dedication and compassion exhibited by members of the Hope Squad exemplify the values of leadership, empathy, and community engagement that are vital to the health and success of our youth.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Monica Martinez, Santa Cruz County Fifth District Supervisor, do hereby recognize and commend the Scotts Valley High School Hope Squad for being the Scotts Valley Chamber of Commerce's 2024 Organization of the Year, and encourage residents of Scotts Valley to join me in acknowledging their many accomplishments.



  
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*Member, Board of Supervisors*

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May 9, 2025

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**From:** [Board Of Supervisors](#)  
**To:** [Jesseka Rodriguez](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Budget discussions on June 3  
**Date:** Friday, May 9, 2025 3:39:48 PM

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**From:** Toni Corrigan [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 7, 2025 9:10 AM  
**To:** Board Of Supervisors <boardofsupervisors@santacruzcountyca.gov>  
**Subject:** Budget discussions on June 3

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**Antoinette Corrigan**

[REDACTED]  
Santa Cruz, CA 95062  
[REDACTED]

May 7, 2025

**Board of Supervisors**  
Santa Cruz County Government  
701 Ocean St #500A  
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

Dear Supervisors,

I'm writing regarding the budget discussion scheduled for your June 3rd meeting, especially as it pertains to the proposed cuts to health care services—and particularly how they affect the lab at Emeline Street.

I don't have a personal stake in this matter; I'm simply a concerned taxpayer and voter. This is my second time reaching out to you about this issue—I wrote before your last meeting. I hope you received my letter, which was left in your box at the County office. I say "I hope" because I did not receive a response from anyone.

Today, I'm writing to ask you to consider the following: The panic currently being felt by the County Health administration stems from anticipated budget cuts that won't actually take effect for quite some time. While the news of upcoming federal funding reductions is not surprising, these changes will not impact day-to-day operations at Emeline Street for several months.

However, the layoffs of the twelve affected employees will be immediate and abrupt. As I understand it, they were notified in April that the lab and X-ray departments would be closing

on June 30th. I can only imagine the upheaval this has caused as they scramble to meet financial obligations based on salaries that will soon vanish.

Given these circumstances, I urge you to consider postponing these closures—if they must happen at all—until the next budget year, and to revisit the issue during next year’s budget hearings.

Thank you for your consideration. I understand these are difficult times.

Sincerely,  
**Antoinette Corrigan**

**From:** [Board Of Supervisors](#)  
**To:** [Jesseka Rodriguez](#)  
**Subject:** FW: exemption  
**Date:** Tuesday, May 13, 2025 1:25:02 PM

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**From:** Beatrice Easter [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, May 12, 2025 5:01 PM  
**To:** Board Of Supervisors <boardofsupervisors@santacruzcountyca.gov>  
**Subject:** exemption

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Good morning

I have friends in Bonny Doon who are doing hip camps illegally and thriving. I lost all to the CZU fire and am a widow on social security only. Before the fire I had rentals and was fine. My property is listed as residential rural or vice versa and I was refused the right to put ONE single camp site.

I want to refute this denial decision and make an appointment with the right person to appeal this. I ll pay for it if I have to. There must be some attenuating circumstances to get an exemption to the rules.

It s a such a perfect spot, looking west- beautiful sunsets looking over a canyon, peace and quiet guaranteed. I want to do this legally. I m 72, own my land but now have too low of an income to pay property taxes etc. I ve lived here 40 years and do not want to leave. There are a maximum of eight cars a day going by, totally private etc. I want to share the beauty of my land with those who seek a peaceful haven. I am really upset I cannot generate a small income to survive. I would need to get loan to make the site. As a good citizen, I want to be “legal” so I can advertise it. It is just not right to be forbidden to do what you want on your land when it would not bother ANYONE. I m in dire need of income and that would help some, plus I really want to share its beauty.

Can you help me get some exemption to the rural-residential rules? I realize that it is a small matter to you. I am desperate for income. I ve been going back to substituting in the schools at 72!.

Before my civil engineer husband died, we were quite involved in the community. We were members of the Rotary, the Chamber of commerce and the San Lorenzo Valley Kiwanis. I was one of the initiator of Think Local first- did the newsletter and public relations. I was on the board of St Francis Soup Kitchen and the Santa Cruz symphony to which we were concert sponsors many times. I still volunteer at the soup kitchen every

week and have done so since its creation in 1982. Did websites, fundraisers etc.  
I just want to be able to advertise ONE camp site and survive above poverty level. I m  
sorry that my luck changed after my husband died with no life insurance and the fire that  
destroyed my beautiful four stories high home. I am now back in a prefab, all I could  
afford..that rebuilding adventure was hell dealing with it alone.  
I pray you might hear my plight and thank you for your services..  
Gratefully,



Beatrice Easter



## What the RTC Hoped You'd Never Notice

By Cami Corvin

When the Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) purchased the Santa Cruz Branch Line in 2012, they did not perform a full boundary survey. This was a critical failure. Only years later, around 2023, did the RTC finally complete a survey and begin to fully understand how encroachments, easements, and physical constraints affected the corridor.

By then, the damage was done.

For over a decade, the RTC promoted a vision of the "ultimate trail" running beside active rail, assuring the public that this was feasible. That vision became the basis for ballot measures like Measure D (2016) and Measure L in Capitola (2018). Yet all of those measures were built on incomplete information. Had the RTC surveyed the corridor when they acquired it, the public debate might have been radically different.

The problem is not just oversight. It's about accountability.

RTC staff and commissioners have made sweeping promises without the facts to back them. And rather than acknowledging the corridor's serious limitations, they have doubled down, spending millions on studies and promoting plans that don't align with reality. These include backdoor negotiations, selective release of information, and a consistent pattern of avoiding inconvenient truths.

Documents obtained through Public Records Act (PRA) requests are starting to reveal what's really been going on: quiet internal discussions about impossible trail widths, legal complications from easements, and mounting project costs. Meanwhile, the public narrative continues unchanged, as if the corridor is a blank slate.

Even today, RTC leaders refuse to confront the obvious: that years of misleading promises have led to unrealistic expectations and deep public division. Instead of owning up to their mistakes, they let community groups battle it out while sitting silently on the sidelines.

This is not just bad planning. It's bad governance.

The public deserves the truth—and a transportation commission that works with facts, not fantasy.

Cami is a long-time local and her family has lived in Santa Cruz County for 100 years. She currently owns a small business and resides in Capitola, California.

**From:** [Board Of Supervisors](#)  
**To:** [Jesseka Rodriguez](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Gemma house - contracts  
**Date:** Wednesday, May 14, 2025 9:48:38 AM

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**From:** Annie Boheler <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 13, 2025 6:34 PM  
**To:** Board Of Supervisors <boardofsupervisors@santacruzcountyca.gov>  
**Subject:** Gemma house - contracts

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Hello Santa Cruz county board of supervisors,

I work as a case manager at the Gemma house and have been there for about 10 months. New life has informed us that the program is shutting down as they did not 'feel' like the county would approve funding. It is my understanding that at least a good portion of funding has already been approved with more funds potentially along the way.

Is the house ,owned by the county, in a sublease contract from the county? Since Janus has been handed over a contract from New Life, does this contract include both the entity that is Gemma as well as the house? We are being told Gemma is shutting down and simultaneously being told that Janus is continuing Gemma. Which is it? Who is responsible for making the current residents homeless? We are all losing our jobs however that is much less of a concern of mine than the impacts on clients and the three other women who were about to come in the house in the next few weeks. The impacts of this transition being mishandled can be considered criminal.

There is a group of us staff, including myself a registered medical provider and RADT in training, who are interested in honoring the Gemma house and respecting the current residents who are also in need of transition. I will be going to the Family Justice Center Alliance launch meeting tomorrow at Cabrillo to continue to be collaborative with other healthcare professionals. When I told my licensed boss, the director of Gemma Janelle N, that I have an NPI and we can work out proper billing to reduce the pressure on funding needs, I was ignored. The CEO of New life, Stacey, has been telling us all along that funding is an issue yet the contract (which one - the one from HSA-SUDs or just the building?) was already handed over to Janus.

I am currently working in conversation with the county behavioral health department to see if any of these questions can be answered. Reporters from the Good times and Lookout have reached out to us as well. Please assist.

All the residents have been asked to rehome themselves and one client has already relapsed since this stressful situation has presented itself just a few weeks ago. So far, the only support new life has offered to the current residents is an outdated resource list of general supports such as Walnut Avenue.

thank you for your time and consideration,

**Annie Boheler**

she / we / they



*“The miracle is not to walk on water. The miracle is to walk on the green earth, dwelling deeply in the present moment and feeling truly alive.”*

– *Thich Nhat Hanh*

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**From:** [Board Of Supervisors](#)  
**To:** [Jesseka Rodriguez](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Funding Changes Inquiry  
**Date:** Friday, May 9, 2025 2:20:18 PM

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**From:** Annie Boheler [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 30, 2025 6:25:45 PM  
**To:** Board Of Supervisors <boardofsupervisors@santacruzcountyca.gov>  
**Subject:** Funding Changes Inquiry

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Hello SC county board of supervisors,

I was present and commented yesterday morning, thank you for listening to community. The Gemma transitional house for women is a housing program first and foremost. I am very concerned about the programs that are on the chopping block. I am very grateful for any conversations and leveraging you can use to support services for historically marginalized populations and the vulnerable.

Are you concerned about what it means for the future of Santa Cruz when programs like these are being threatened? We in the community are hearing about plans to expand the jail, is this true?

I am writing from a personal place of concern and while I am staff at the Gemma house, I do not represent them. I first and foremost feel hugely concerned about those who directly utilize this space for housing as they improve their lives. Gemma leads by example for a womens' safe space, which unfortunately is a high need and a rare space.

Thank you very much for your efforts and consideration.

Annie Boheler  
Case Manager at the Gemma House

**From:** [Board Of Supervisors](#)  
**To:** [Jesseka Rodriguez](#)  
**Subject:** FW: DNCA says DO NOT PULL Consent Item #29 on May 6, 2025 Board Agenda  
**Date:** Friday, May 9, 2025 3:46:10 PM

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**From:** Becky Steinbruner [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 6, 2025 2:39 PM  
**To:** Noel Bock [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** Justin Cummings <Justin.Cummings@santacruzcountyca.gov>; Board Of Supervisors <boardofsupervisors@santacruzcountyca.gov>; Sandy Brown <Sandy.Brown@santacruzcountyca.gov>; Andy Schiffrin <Andy.Schiffrin@santacruzcountyca.gov>; Trina Barton <Trina.Barton@santacruzcountyca.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: DNCA says DO NOT PULL Consent Item #29 on May 6, 2025 Board Agenda

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Hi, Noel,

Thank you for this information. The item was not pulled, and the Board approved it after some additional information from CDI Director Matt Machado.

I do hope that the consultant will take into advisement the work that Barry Swenson Builder did, but for which there was no follow-through.

Thanks again,  
Becky

On Tuesday, May 6, 2025 at 09:01:22 AM PDT, Noel Bock [REDACTED] > wrote:

Justin, Becky, Et al,

Yes, we saw this. **DNCA wants this study to be funded and go ahead ASAP.** Everyone is aware of the previously abandoned study... We appreciate Justin who is trying to make this move forward and find solutions for traffic issues that will arise with BLM opening. We don't want further delay. The new study is supposed to examine 3 possible routes for the proposed path (north side of CPR, along rail line, and along hwy. Good to consider findings of previous study, but **this study has a bigger scope and intent.**

thank you,

Noel Garin Bock,  
DNCA Secretary  
Davenport North Coast Association  
[REDACTED]

On May 6, 2025, at 7:56 AM, Becky Steinbruner [REDACTED] wrote:

Dear Supervisor Cummings,  
I did not receive a response from you about this request. I hope that you will pull this Consent Item today.

Thank you.  
Sincerely,  
Becky Steinbruner

On Monday, May 5, 2025 at 10:52:08 AM PDT, Becky Steinbruner [REDACTED] wrote:

Dear Board of Supervisors,  
I see that Consent Item #29 on tomorrow's Board agenda would approve \$50,000 for a consultant to do a feasibility study of a bike/pedestrian path along Cement Plant Road in Davenport. Please pull this item for better staff discussion because this work was already conducted by Swenson Builders within the last few years .

The work was done because of the CPUC Condition of Approval in 2012 for Swenson to construct a new private at-grade railcrossing in the Aptos Village Project on Parade Street. The CPUC approved the new Parade Street Crossing if two such private at-grade crossings were closed. The County identified the Warrenella Road crossing as one, and the Bayview Hotel crossing as the the other.

Swenson conducted extensive studies regarding the feasibility of adding a bike/pedestrian pathway as a mitigation for the hardship the closure would cause residents in the New Town area of Davenport. The heritage Eucalyptus trees were problematic. The County dropped the matter.

Please pull Item #29 from tomorrow's Consent Agenda for better public discussion of this matter. It is possible that much of the work that the consultant now proposed to be hired with \$26,000 from District 3 Measure K sales tax monies could be saved for other important improvements in the Third District.

I have copied the text of the staff report of Consent #29 below for clarity.

Please respond. Thank you.  
Sincerely,  
Becky Steinbruner

Here is what Consent Item #29 states on the May 6, 2025 Board of Supervisor packet:  
<https://santacruzcountyca.primegov.com/Portal/Meeting?meetingTemplateId=318>

***Executive Summary***

*The Cotoni-Coast Dairies National Monument is anticipated to open to the public during the summer of 2025. The Regional Transportation Commission's bicycle/pedestrian trail from Wilder Ranch State Park to Davenport (Rail Trail Segment 5) is scheduled to be completed by March of 2026. Cement Plant Road will provide a major approach to the National Monument entrance from the town of Davenport but has no sidewalks or room for a bike lane. Developing a safe bike and pedestrian path for the increased number of visitors to the area will help realize the goal of encouraging public access to coastal resources while reducing public safety dangers.*

***Discussion***

*The Cement Plant Road Bicycle/Pedestrian Path project was included as a high priority*

*in the North Coast Facilities Management Plan. The Plan recognized the importance of providing safe access from Davenport to the National Monument for bikes and pedestrians with the expected opening of the Monument and completion of the bike/pedestrian trail from Santa Cruz to Davenport.*

*The first step in developing the project is the completion of a feasibility study that will evaluate the feasibility of alternative alignments for the path. A consultant has been identified to prepare the feasibility study, and it appears that the total cost for the study would be approximately \$50,000. The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has agreed to contribute approximately \$24,000 and Supervisor Cummings is willing to allocate \$26,000 in 2024-25 Third District funding towards the project. CDI will be responsible for overseeing the consultant contract. Due to the current workload in CDI, work on the study will commence in the early part of the 2025-26 fiscal year.*

*As part of the feasibility study, it is important that opportunities for input from both the Davenport community and BLM be provided. In addition, since the feasibility study is only the first step in the project's development, potential funding sources for completing the project will need to be identified.*

***Financial Impact***

*The total cost for the feasibility study is estimated at \$50,000 with \$24,000 expected to be provided through an encroachment permit fee and \$26,000 to be allocated from District 3 2024-2025 Measure K funds (GL 197100/90000) and transferred to 621100-62330 (P40883).*

*Strategic Initiatives*

*Operational Plan - Comprehensive Health & Safety, Reliable Transportation*

*Submitted By:*

*Justin Cummings, Third District Supervisor*

*Recommended By:*

*Carlos J. Palacios, County Executive Officer*

**From:** [Board Of Supervisors](#)  
**To:** [Jesseka Rodriguez](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Please CO-SPONSOR and VOTE YES to support SB 457!  
**Date:** Tuesday, April 29, 2025 2:43:31 PM

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**From:** cynsgreen [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 29, 2025 2:26 PM  
**To:** Board Of Supervisors <boardofsupervisors@santacruzcountycalifornia.gov>  
**Cc:** 'Norvin Green' [REDACTED] Cynthia & Norvin Green' [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Please CO-SPONSOR and VOTE YES to support SB 457!

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Dear Santa Cruz County Supervisors,

Please CO-SPONSOR and VOTE YES to support SB 457!

Oppose projects like “The Haven”, Graham Hill Rd. in Santa Cruz County.

This project is clearly not intended to assist those who need housing most; rather it was originated to manipulate the system for profits. No forethought seems to have been given to how a project this large and dense would work in this specific area of Santa Cruz County that has no infrastructure to support the proposed 157 houses.

Santa Cruz Co. submitted its housing plans to the State in 2023 and was approved on 4/12/24. “The Haven” was submitted on 4/11/24, one day before the State’s approval. It feels like someone is trying to pull a fast one!

Issues:

**Safety on Roadways:**

- Graham Hill Rd is a two-lane road.
- Lockwood Lane (the main road to Graham Hill from Scotts Valley/Hwy 17) is a small, two-lane road, highly residential.
- There are no sidewalks, no bike lanes, no bus lines; all households would have to use a car to get in and out of this project. Traffic issues.

**Utilities**

- Can San Lorenzo Water District accommodate these new units? They are still recovering from the CZU fire.

**Habitat**

- This area is classified as Sandhills Habitat, home to flora and fauna only found there.
- Located across from Henry Cowell Campground, where people want to get away from the city, not be across the street from it.

Light pollution – will impact local wildlife, campers – and all those who support DarkSky

**Fire Danger**

- Doesn't make sense to build this project so close to a large state park where a fire in either location could easily transfer to the other.
- Will these homes even be able to get fire insurance? Most of us who live in this area can only get the CA FAIR Plan, which is quite expensive. Will these homes even be able to get home insurance?

Thank you for attention to this matter,  
Cynthia S. Green



GAVIN NEWSOM, Governor  
NATURAL RESOURCES AGENCY  
DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE  
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WATSONVILLE SLOUGH ECOLOGICAL RESERVE, EXPANSION 6  
SANTA CRUZ COUNTY  
PROJECT ID: 2024048

Dear Board Members:

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW), through the Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB), is involved in a land acquisition program focused on the long-range protection and enhancement of habitat for fish and wildlife. The CDFW identifies sites considered for acquisition in response to public interest, legislative mandate and departmental goals.

I am writing to advise you that the WCB will consider the allocation of a grant to The Land Trust of Santa Cruz County to assist in its acquisition of 111± acres of land for the preservation and enhancement of wildlife habitat located in Santa Cruz County and identified as Assessor's Parcel Nos. 046-351-07, 046-351-11, and 046-351-12. The proposal is scheduled to be presented at the May 22, 2025, board meeting. An electronic copy of the preliminary agenda is available for your review at [www.wcb.ca.gov](http://www.wcb.ca.gov) under News and Announcements. A more complete description of each proposal will be contained in the final meeting Agenda, which will be available at [www.wcb.ca.gov](http://www.wcb.ca.gov) ten days prior to the Board meeting.

If you have any questions about this proposal or need additional information, please feel free to contact us at (916) 445-8448.

Sincerely,

DocuSigned by:

*Jennifer Norris*

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Jennifer M. Norris, PhD  
Executive Director

Enclosure(s)

Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors  
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ec: The Honorable John Laird  
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The Honorable Dawn Addis  
[assemblymember.addis@assembly.ca.gov](mailto:assemblymember.addis@assembly.ca.gov)

Erin Chappell, Regional Manager  
CDFW, Bay Delta Region (3)

**From:** [Board Of Supervisors](#)  
**To:** [Jesseka Rodriguez](#)  
**Subject:** FW: URGENT — 2 CONCERNS: 1) LITHIUM BATTERY STORAGE PROPOSAL, 2) ASSEMBLY BILL 303  
**Date:** Friday, May 9, 2025 3:44:08 PM

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**From:** John Romero [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 8, 2025 4:55 PM  
**Subject:** URGENT — 2 CONCERNS: 1) LITHIUM BATTERY STORAGE PROPOSAL, 2) ASSEMBLY BILL 303

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Dear Representatives:

I am writing to you as a constituent and resident of Corralitos in Santa Cruz County. I have a deep concern over the proposed lithium battery storage plant for 90 Minton Road near Watsonville. A 2024 Meta-Analysis by a team of researchers from the University of Sheffield, England found that although LFP batteries are less likely to experience thermal runaway, if they do catch on fire, they pose a greater hazard of combusting and emitting toxic gas and are significantly more toxic than NMCs. The guidelines and reassurances for this project must be addressed and made transparent to the community PRIOR to any installation in Santa Cruz County.

I am hoping that you will PASS AB 303, the Battery Energy Safety & Accountability Act which restores local input where battery energy storage system projects are built, BEFORE any vote to install the lithium battery storage system which has been proposed for Santa Cruz County.

I am also hoping that you will vote AGAINST the lithium battery storage system for Santa Cruz County. If you choose to approve this proposed project then you give me no alternative but to support any other candidate opposing you at the next election and I will encourage my neighbors to do the same.

Thank you.

Sincerely,  
John Romero  
Resident of Santa Cruz County



**From:** [Board Of Supervisors](#)  
**To:** [Jesseka Rodriguez](#)  
**Subject:** FW: The Folly of the Monoliths  
**Date:** Wednesday, May 14, 2025 9:46:24 AM

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-----Original Message-----

From: Kathy [REDACTED]  
Sent: Sunday, May 11, 2025 10:51 AM  
To: Board Of Supervisors <[boardofsupervisors@santacruzcountyca.gov](mailto:boardofsupervisors@santacruzcountyca.gov)>  
Subject: The Folly of the Monoliths

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This AM, in line for Mother's Day breakfast, I talked with a woman who had been given permission to view one of the units in the new tenement on Pacific and Laurel. She said she was SHOCKED by the small very small square footage, with a bedroom that would accommodate only a regular sized bed and maybe a dresser. The front room was small and the small porch provided room enough for two sitting on chairs and that was it. For \$2500, this is a rip off and oh, by the way, the bathroom was an afterthought. Are you aware of this; as those who approved these construction projects, you should admit your mistake and do something immediately. Insist the builders to create larger units by tearing down some walls. I am sending this to Santa Cruz Local and the "Sentinel". This is such a joke and an expensive one at that.

Kathy Cheer  
[REDACTED]  
Santa Cruz, CA. 95060  
[REDACTED]



# County of Santa Cruz

Health Services Agency - Environmental Health

## Fish and Wildlife Advisory Commission

701 Ocean Street, Room 312, Santa Cruz, CA 95060  
(831) 454-2022 TDD/TTY - Call 711 <http://www.scceh.org>



May 1, 2025

RE: Request that the Board of Supervisors consider modifying the Significant Tree Ordinance

Dear Honorable Supervisors,

The Significant Tree Ordinance (STO) is aimed at protecting big trees within the Coastal Zone of Santa Cruz County. These big trees are responsible for providing habitat, stabilizing soils, storing carbon, retarding storm runoff and maintaining the aesthetic character for which Santa Cruz is so widely loved. Unfortunately, this ordinance does not extend outside the Coastal Zone and furthermore only applies to trees visible from scenic roads, any beach, or within a designated scenic resource area and therefore many significant trees have virtually no regulatory protection.

The Fish and Wildlife Advisory Commission (FWAC) has contacted the Board of Supervisors (BOS) on several occasions in the past regarding this matter (Attachment 1 - Past FWAC/BOS STO Correspondences) and would again like to recommend that the County consider revision of this ordinance. Recently, several members of the FWAC met with Supervisor McPherson's office and County staff in order to discuss what changes might strengthen the ordinance and enable effective implementation. The FWAC was then encouraged to review neighboring similar ordinances and suggest either revisions of the existing STO or language for a new ordinance.

The FWAC did review ordinances from various central coast municipalities and counties and found several ordinances that are significantly more detailed and protective of significant trees than the existing STO. However, recognizing that significant public process went into development of those ordinances and that implementation of such detailed ordinances may exceed County bandwidth, the FWAC ultimately decided that the existing STO, as modified below, would strike the best balance between protection of significant trees and implementation efficacy. Proposed modifications include (Attachment 2 - Proposed STO Revisions)

1. Expand geographic scope of the STO outside the Coastal Zone to include all of unincorporated Santa Cruz County.



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2. Strike the requirement that a significant tree must be visible from scenic roads, beaches or designated scenic resource area.
3. Provide exemptions for specific invasive, non-native species
4. Provide exemptions for maintenance of CalFire - designated defensible space.

We are hopeful that the BOS will soon recommend that the Community Development and Infrastructure Department begin steps to modify the STO as described above. The FWAC stands ready to support this effort with further review of neighboring jurisdictions and/or community outreach on the matter, as needed. Thank you again for your consideration. If you have any questions or concerns about these comments, please do not hesitate to reach out to the FWAC.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jennifer Gomez".

Jennifer Gomez  
Fish and Wildlife Advisory Commission Chair

Att 1: Past BOS/FWAC STO correspondence  
Att 2: Proposed STO Revisions



# County of Santa Cruz

Health Services Agency - Environmental Health

## Fish and Wildlife Advisory Commission

(831) 454-2022 TDD/TTY - Call 711 <http://www.sceeh.org>



September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024

RE: Request that the Board of Supervisors consider extending the Significant Tree Ordinance outside the Coastal Zone

Dear Honorable Supervisors,

The Significant Tree Ordinance (STO) is aimed at protecting big trees within the Coastal Zone of Santa Cruz County. These big trees are responsible for providing habitat, stabilizing soils, storing carbon, retarding storm runoff and maintaining the aesthetic character for which Santa Cruz is so widely loved. Unfortunately, this ordinance does not extend outside the Coastal Zone and therefore big trees outside that zone have virtually no regulatory protection.

On July 11, 2019, the Fish and Wildlife Advisory Commission (FWAC) contacted you to suggest that you consider extending this ordinance to the rest of the County outside the Coastal Zone. At that time, Supervisor McPherson expressed concern that doing so may be in conflict with the Forest Practice Rules or other related Cal Fire standards. Fortunately, since that time we've learned that Cal Fire is supportive of extending the Significant Tree Ordinance provided that a revised ordinance includes exceptions for hazard trees similar to those found in the County of San Mateo Significant Tree Ordinance:

<https://www.smcgov.org/planning/regulation-removal-significant-trees>)

Additionally, the County of Santa Cruz [Sustainability Update](#) also recommends that the Significant Tree Ordinance be reviewed in the context of climate change adaptation. We understand that the focus of this was more responsive to environmental justice concerns than it was on habitat, however big trees in urban environments can also provide valuable habitat and other environmental services.

Admittedly, the County is experiencing a budget crisis and bandwidth for new projects is understandably limited. However, extending the STO beyond the Coastal Zone may be one of the least costly yet most effective things the County can do to ensure protection of the values referenced above and to address climate change locally. Therefore, we strongly encourage you to reconsider

extending the Significant Tree Ordinance beyond the Coastal Zone to the rest of the County.

Thank you for your consideration. If you have any questions or concerns about these comments, please do not hesitate to reach out to the FWAC.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jon Jankovitz". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent loop at the end.

Jon Jankovitz  
Fish and Wildlife Advisory Commission Chair

Att: July 11, 2019 FWAC letter to the BOS, January 29, 2020 Supervisor McPherson letter to the FWAC, maps



# COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ

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## FISH AND WILDLIFE ADVISORY COMMISSION

701 OCEAN STREET, ROOM 312, SANTA CRUZ, CA 95060  
(831) 454-3154 FAX: (831) 454-3128

July 11, 2019

County of Santa Cruz  
Board of Supervisors  
701 Ocean Street, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

Re: Extending the Significant Tree Ordinance to all of County of Santa Cruz

Dear Honorable Supervisors,

The Significant Tree Ordinance was enacted to protect large trees in our county, but it currently only applies within the Coastal Zone. The stated purpose of the ordinance is primarily to protect scenic resources. After hearing from members of the public that this application is too limited, we evaluated the ordinance and agree that it should be expanded. We have also found that all of our surrounding counties (San Mateo, Santa Clara, San Benito and Monterey) have county-wide tree ordinances, and Santa Cruz appears to be unique with its more limited scope. Applying this ordinance just to the Coastal Zone seems arbitrary, and leaves much of the County without the benefit of its protections. Therefore, we recommend that the Board of Supervisors instruct the Planning Dept. to modify both the Purpose and Scope of the ordinance.

Our forests provide much more than just scenic beauty. They provide valuable services such as preventing erosion of topsoil, protecting against flood hazards and the risk of landslides, counteracting pollutants in the water and air and relieving the public costs of installing and maintaining storm water drainage systems. Large trees are more fire resistant compared to other vegetation types and they provide a high degree of carbon sequestration.

The preservation of significant trees and forest communities on private and public property is necessary to protect habitat for fish, birds, insects and mammals, a number of which are rare, threatened and endangered species. We recommend that the Scope of the ordinance includes these important ecosystem services.

We recommend extending the Significant Tree Ordinance county-wide. While there is broad agreement that our county has a very high level of biodiversity, the number of forested acres without protections for large trees is substantial. Although there are some protections for trees under Chapters 16.30 (Riparian Corridor and Wetlands Protection), and Chapter 16.32 (Sensitive Habitat Protection), these areas are very limited, and there are no specific protections for large trees. **Based on county data, we estimate that 32% (over 92,000 acres) of Santa Cruz County has little or no protections for significant trees.** Exhibit 1 shows that the Coastal

Zone, where the current ordinance applies, covers only about 25% of the county. About 42% is under the jurisdiction of other agencies including incorporated areas, state parks and CalFire. Of the remaining county jurisdictional area, the vegetation analysis (Exhibit 2) suggests that roughly 70% includes forested vegetation types. However, significant trees may occur in all vegetation types.

We respectfully offer these changes that can achieve the goals of increasing protection for important resources with a minimal amount of new regulation. We also request that the Fish and Wildlife Advisory Commission is given an opportunity to review changes to the ordinance prior to Board acceptance.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Berry". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Chris Berry, Chair  
Fish and Wildlife Advisory Commission  
County of Santa Cruz  
701 Ocean Street, Room 312  
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

**16.34.010 Purpose.**

(A) The Board of Supervisors of Santa Cruz County finds that the trees and forest communities ~~located within the County's Coastal Zone~~ are a valuable resource. ~~Significant trees provide wildlife habitat, stabilize top soils, reduce the risk of landslides, sequester atmospheric carbon, reduce storm runoff, and contribute to the~~ Removal of significant trees could reduce scenic beauty and the attractiveness of the area to residents and visitors.

(B) The Board of Supervisors further finds that the preservation of significant trees and forest communities on private and public property is necessary to protect and enhance the County's natural ~~habitats, scenic~~ beauty, property values, and tourist industry. The enactment of this chapter is necessary to promote the public health, safety, and general welfare of the County, while recognizing individual rights to develop, maintain, and enjoy the use of private property to the fullest possible extent. [Ord. 3443 § 1, 1983; Ord. 3341 § 1, 1982].

**16.34.015 Scope.**

This chapter regulates the removal of trees in the ~~Coastal Zone unincorporated area of the~~ County of Santa Cruz when not included in the provisions of a discretionary permit. This chapter establishes the type of trees to be protected, the circumstances under which they may be removed, and the procedures for obtaining a permit for their removal. The provisions of this chapter apply to all persons as defined herein; they also establish standards applicable to tree cutting activities of public agencies required to obtain a Coastal Zone permit pursuant to Chapter [13.20](#) SCCC. [Ord. 3443 § 1, 1983; Ord. 3341 § 1, 1982].

**16.34.020 Amendment.**

Any revision to this chapter which applies to the Coastal Zone shall be reviewed by the Executive Director of the California Coastal Commission to determine whether it constitutes an amendment to the Local Coastal Program. When an ordinance revision constitutes an amendment to the Local Coastal Program, such revision shall be processed pursuant to the hearing and notification provisions of Chapter [18.60](#) SCCC and shall be subject to approval by the California Coastal Commission. [Ord. 3443 § 1, 1983; Ord. 3341 § 1, 1982].

**16.34.030 Definitions.**

All terms used in this chapter shall be as defined in the General Plan and Local Coastal Program Land Use Plan glossaries and as follows:

“Coastal Zone” means that unincorporated area of the County of Santa Cruz as defined by the California Coastal Act of 1976, Division 20 of the California Public Resources Code. This area is identified on the General Plan and Local Coastal Program Land Use Plan maps.

“Diameter at breast height (d.b.h.)” means the average diameter of a tree outside the bark at a point four and one-half feet above the highest level ground.

“Person” means any individual, group, firm, organization, association, limited liability company, or other business association, corporation, including any utility, partnership, business, trust company, special district or public agency thereof, or other party, or as specified in Section [53090](#) of the California Government Code; or the State or a State agency or city when not engaged in a sovereign activity. Where a coastal development permit is required pursuant to Chapter [13.20](#) SCCC, State and Federal agencies may be required to comply with various provisions of this chapter as a condition of the coastal development permit.

“Planning Director” means the Director of the Planning Department or his or her authorized designee charged with the administration and enforcement of this chapter.

“Significant tree,” for the purposes of this chapter, shall include any tree, sprout clump, or group of trees, as follows:

(A) Within the urban services line ~~or rural services line~~, any tree which is equal to or greater than 20 inches d.b.h. (approximately five feet in circumference); any sprout clump of five or more stems each of which is greater than 12 inches d.b.h. (approximately three feet in circumference); or any group consisting of five or more trees on one parcel, each of which is greater than 12 inches d.b.h. (approximately three feet in circumference).

(B) Outside the urban services line ~~or rural services line, where visible from a scenic road, any beach, or within a designated scenic resource area,~~ any tree which is equal to or greater than 40 inches d.b.h. (approximately 10 feet in circumference); any sprout clump of five or more stems, each of which is greater than 20 inches d.b.h. (approximately five feet in circumference); or, any group consisting of 10 or more trees on one parcel, each greater than 20 inches d.b.h. (approximately five feet in circumference).

(C) Any tree located in a sensitive habitat as defined in Chapter [16.32](#) SCCC. Also see SCCC [16.34.090](#)(C), exemption of projects with other permits.

“Significant tree removal permit” means a permit issued pursuant to the provisions of this chapter.

“Sprout clump” means individual stems arising from one root collar and sharing a common root system. [Ord. 5182 § 14, 2014; Ord. 4346 §§ 73, 74, 1994; Ord. 3443 § 1, 1983; Ord. 3341 § 1, 1982].

**16.34.040 Permit required.**

Except for those exempt activities as enumerated in SCCC [16.34.090](#), no person shall do, cause, permit, aid, abet, suffer, or furnish equipment or labor to remove, cut down, or trim more than one-third of the green foliage of, poison, or otherwise kill or destroy any significant tree as defined in this chapter ~~within the Coastal Zone~~ until a significant tree removal approval for the project has been obtained pursuant to Chapter [18.10](#) SCCC, Level II. [Ord. 3443 § 1, 1983; Ord. 3341 § 1, 1982].

**16.34.050 Application and fee.**

Applications for significant tree removal approvals granted pursuant to this chapter shall be made in accordance with the requirements of Chapter [18.10](#) SCCC, Level II, and shall include the following:

- (A) Applicant’s or authorized representative’s name, address, and telephone number.
- (B) Property Description. The description of the site(s) involved, including the street address, if any, and the assessor’s parcel number.
- (C) Required Information. The following information shall be provided in writing:
  - (1) A site plan sufficient to identify and locate the trees to be removed, other trees, buildings, proposed buildings, and other improvements.
  - (2) A description of the species, circumference or diameter at breast height, estimated height, and general health of the tree(s) to be removed.
  - (3) A description of the method to be used in removing the tree(s).
  - (4) Reason(s) for removal of the tree(s).
  - (5) Proposed visual impact mitigation measures as appropriate. Size, location, and species of replacement trees, if any, shall be indicated on the site plan.
- (D) Applicant’s Property Interest. Evidence that the applicant is the owner or purchaser under contract of the premises involved, is the owner of a leasehold interest, or has written permission of the owner to make the application.

(E) Further Information. Such further information as may be required by the Planning Director, including but not limited to the opinion of a registered professional forester, tree surgeon, or other qualified expert.

(F) Filing Fee. A filing fee, set by resolution of the Board of Supervisors, shall accompany the application. [Ord. 3443 § 1, 1983; Ord. 3341 § 1, 1982].

**16.34.060 Required findings.**

One or more of the following findings shall be made prior to granting approvals pursuant to this chapter in addition to the findings required for the issuance of a development permit in accordance with Chapter [18.10](#) SCCC:

(A) That the significant tree is dead or is likely to promote the spread of insects or disease.

(B) That removal is necessary to protect health, safety, and welfare.

(C) That removal of a nonnative tree, ~~which is not listed as exempt in SCCC 16.34.090~~, is part of a plan approved by the County to restore native vegetation and landscaping to an area.

(D) That removal will not involve a risk of adverse environmental impacts ~~to sensitive habitats, protected wildlife, shade, noise buffers, wind protection, air pollution, visual aesthetics and historic features, such as degrading scenic resources.~~

(E) ~~That removal is necessary for operation of active or passive solar facilities, and that mitigation of visual impacts will be provided.~~

(F) That removal is necessary in conjunction with another permit to allow the property owner an economic use of the property consistent with the land use designation of the Local Coastal Program Land Use Plan.

(G) ~~.That removal is part of a project involving selective harvesting for the purpose of enhancing the visual qualities of the landscape or for opening up the display of important views from public places.~~

(H) That removal is necessary for new or existing agricultural purposes consistent with other County policies and that mitigation of visual impacts will be provided. Also see SCCC [16.34.090](#)(D), exemption of tree crops. [Ord. 3443 § 1, 1983; Ord. 3341 § 1, 1982].

**16.34.065 Approvals.**

Significant tree removal applications shall be processed according to Chapter [18.10](#) SCCC, Level II. Approvals shall be granted by the Planning Director or his designee. Notices of

actions taken pursuant to this chapter shall be in accordance with Chapter [18.10](#) SCCC. [Ord. 3443 § 1, 1983].

**16.34.070 Conditions of approval.**

In granting any permit as provided herein, the Planning Director may attach reasonable conditions to mitigate visual impacts and ensure compliance with the provisions of this chapter, including but not limited to replacement of trees removed with trees acceptable to the Planning Director. [Ord. 3443 § 1, 1983; Ord. 3341 § 1, 1982].

**16.34.080 Emergencies.**

In the case of emergency caused by the hazardous or dangerous condition of a tree and requiring immediate action for the safety of life or property, such necessary action may be taken to remove the tree or otherwise reduce or eliminate the hazard without complying with the other provisions of this article, except that the person responsible for cutting or removal of the tree shall report such action to the Planning Director within 10 working days thereafter. [Ord. 3443 § 1, 1983; Ord. 3341 § 1, 1982].

**16.34.090 Exemptions.**

The following work is exempted from all provisions of this chapter:

- (A) Trees that are located within a home's "Zone-1 Defensible Space", as defined by CalFire and California Code, PRC 4291.
- (B) Removal of the following invasive species: All species within the Genus Eucalyptus, All species within the Genus Acacia, Black Locust (Robinia pseudoacacia), and Tree of Heaven (Ailanthus altissima).
- (C) Timber operations which are in accordance with a timber harvesting plan submitted pursuant to the provisions of the Z'berg-Nejedly Forest Practices Act of 1973 (commencing with Section 4511).
- ~~(B) Any activity done pursuant to a valid timber harvest permit, or a notice of timber harvesting, and approved pursuant to Chapter [16.52](#) SCCC.~~
- ~~(E) Any tree removal authorized pursuant to a valid discretionary permit approved pursuant to Chapter [13.10](#) (Zoning Regulations), Chapter [13.20](#) (Coastal Zone Regulations), Chapter [14.01](#) (Subdivision Regulations), Chapter [16.20](#) (Grading Regulations), Chapter [16.22](#) (Erosion Control), Chapter [16.30](#) (Riparian Corridor and Wetlands Protection), Chapter [16.32](#) (Sensitive Habitat Protection), or Chapter [16.54](#) SCCC (Mining Regulations).~~

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(DE) Removal of tree crops pursuant to agricultural operations. [Ord. 3443 § 1, 1983; Ord. 3341 § 1, 1982].

**16.34.100 Inspection.**

*Repealed by Ord. 4392A.* [Ord. 3443 § 1, 1983; Ord. 3341 § 1, 1982].

**16.34.105 Violations.**

(A) It shall be unlawful for any person to do, cause, permit, aid, abet or furnish equipment or labor to remove, cut down, trim more than one-third of the foliage of, poison, or otherwise kill or destroy any significant tree as defined in SCCC [16.34.030](#) within the ~~Coastal Zone~~ unless: (1) a development permit has been obtained and is in effect which authorizes such activity; or (2) the activity is exempt from the requirement for such a permit by reason of the provisions of SCCC [16.34.090](#); or (3) there was an emergency caused by the hazardous or dangerous condition of the tree which required the action to be taken immediately for the safety of life or property.

(B) It shall be unlawful for any person to exercise any development permit which authorizes actions affecting significant trees without complying with all of the conditions of such permit. [Ord. 3451-A § 24, 1983].

**16.34.110 Enforcement penalties, remedies and procedures for violations.**

Any violation of any provision of this chapter shall be subject to the enforcement penalties, remedies, and procedures set forth in SCCC Title [19](#), Enforcement of Land Use Regulations. [Ord. 3443 § 1, 1983; Ord. 3341 § 1, 1982].

**16.34.120 Appeals.**

All appeals of actions taken pursuant to the provisions of this chapter shall be made in conformance with the procedures set forth in Chapter [18.10](#) SCCC; provided, however, that code enforcement actions and decisions are not subject to administrative appeal except for appeals of revocation of permits pursuant to SCCC [18.10.136](#)(C). [Ord. 4392A § 13, 1996; Ord. 3443 § 1, 1983; Ord. 3341 § 1, 1982].

**16.34.130 Expiration.**

Unless otherwise specified, approvals issued pursuant to this chapter shall expire one year from the date of issuance if not exercised. Where approvals are issued in conjunction with a development permit granted pursuant to Chapter [18.10](#) SCCC, the approval shall expire in accordance with the provisions of Chapter [18.10](#) SCCC. [Ord. 3443 § 1, 1983].

**16.34.140 Amendment.**

Amendments to approvals granted pursuant to this chapter, whether for change of project, conditions, or expiration date or other time limits, shall be processed in accordance with the provisions of Chapter [18.10](#) SCCC. [Ord. 3443 § 1, 1983].

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**To:** [Jesseka Rodriguez](#)  
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Good afternoon,

My name is Maria Luis,

I have been a resident of Santa Cruz many years. We have an ADU that was built in 2008, I understand that finally our restrictions have been lifted. I thank you all so much for making it fair for all of us.

I would like to know what I need to do so we do not have any problems in the future. Do I need to submit any documentation to the city or your office. Please if you could provide any guidance that would be greatly appreciated.

Once again thanks for your work in this matter, Sincerely, Fernando and Maria Luis Sent from my iPhone

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**Cc:** Kathleen Condon <okcondon@gmail.com>  
**Subject:** Gemma House funding

Dear Supervisors Cummings, De Serpa, Koenig, Hernandez, and Martinez,  
I imagine your jobs are very difficult in this time of budget deficits and looming federal cuts; thank you for your service to our community.

I live and work in Santa Cruz and have been with Integrated Behavioral Health at the Santa Cruz County Health Centers for 10 years. I am writing to urge you to please refrain from making budget cuts to the invaluable recovery program Gemma House. Over the years, I have provided care for many patients who have benefited enormously from treatment at Gemma House. In addition to the high quality of staff and services, as a female focused treatment program, it fills a huge void in our community. I am very concerned about the damage that will result from the destruction of this great program. I hope you will do everything in your power to save it.

Thank you for your time and attention,

Sincerely,

Kathleen M. Condon

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Dear Santa Cruz Supervisors,

The reason that I am writing is that there is a move afoot to suggest that, this year for Mother's Day, given the cuts that the current administration is making, women ask their families to donate the same amount of money they might have spent on flowers/chocolate/dinner out to programs that benefit women, that would otherwise be cut due to the current political environment. **Moms helping Moms for Mother's Day.**

Time is running a little short, as Mother's Day is in two weeks, but I wanted to see, if you like the concept, if the Board would consider specific vetted organizations in Santa Cruz County that would be worthy of donation, as they are fighting to maintain important services that might otherwise be cut—particularly for women/mothers as this is would be the theme for this of course.

Categories could include healthcare access, research, legal or employment changes that will impact women, children's programs that allow women to work, etc. etc.

Many women seem to want to donate and would rather do this than receive say, a robe, or scented candle. Even if just a small amount. They just don't know where to do so—And it would be a good chance to alert county residents about services that are in danger due to the actions of the current administration.

I realize it is last minute, but perhaps worth considering. I would personally love a list of vetted women's organizations needing donations, so I can at least spread the word on my own social media accounts.

Thank you!!

Lindsay Kolderup MD

Santa Cruz resident-5<sup>th</sup> district

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Dear Members of the Board of Supervisors,

On behalf of United Way of Santa Cruz County, I want to extend our sincere thanks for your continued support of 211 Santa Cruz County. Your partnership plays a vital role in ensuring our residents have access to reliable, 24/7 information and referral services especially during times of crisis, recovery, and need.

We're pleased to share with you the **2024 211 Santa Cruz County Annual Report**, which highlights the impact this service has had over the past year. In 2024, thousands of residents reached out to 211 for support with housing, food, mental health, and other essential services. The data collected through these calls provides a real-time snapshot of community needs and trends, which can be invaluable in informing responsive and equitable policy decisions.

<https://211santacruzcounty.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/03/211-SCC-Annual-Report-2024-Final.pdf>

Additionally, we encourage you to review the **Real Cost Measure** dashboard, which goes beyond federal poverty guidelines to show what it truly takes for families in Santa Cruz County to make ends meet. This statewide and locally specific data reveals that a significant percentage of working households struggle to afford basic needs, even with full-time employment.

<https://public.tableau.com/app/profile/hgascon/viz/TheRealCostMeasureinCalifornia2025/RealCostDashboard>

We respectfully urge you to use the findings from both the 211 Annual Report and the Real Cost Measure in your ongoing decision-making and budgetary planning. These insights can help ensure that County programs and investments align closely with the realities our residents are facing every day.

Thank you again for your leadership and commitment to building a stronger, more equitable Santa Cruz County.

Warm regards,

**Kassandra Flores** | 211 Santa Cruz County Director

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Dear Supervisors,

I am forwarding you an email which discusses illegal homeless encampments throughout CA State. Live Oak Arana Creek is the one near Capitola Road and Soquel that I unsuccessfully and constantly asked to remove since January 2024 and it is still here. I am requesting to make the Sheriff's Department be responsible to walk through that area on a daily basis to prevent homeless encampment from getting set up by drug addicts and sexual predators, remove current homeless encampment that they did not remove on May 2, 2025 and finally keep the Sheriff's Department accountable for not doing so.

*As Gov. Gavin Newsom pushes local governments to do more about removing homeless encampments across California, one of the state's own agencies is being accused of not doing enough to clear illegal campsites, writes CalMatters' [Marisa Kendall](#).*

Since January 2024, I requested to remove the homeless encampment at Arana Creek that gets protected by the Sheriff Department to attract my Autistic daughter by bad influence and abusing her wellbeing and safety. For over decade Sheriff Department assisting the Behavioral Health Division to continue jeopardize the well being and safety of my Autistic daughter and extend their skills for intentional, knowledgeable and willful neglect of the Behavioral Health Division vulnerable client. In my experience from 2011, the prevention of bad influence and abuse never was in practices of BHD and Sheriff Department. Both Departments coordinate their abusive actions to block against stabilization of my daughter following her release from Santa Rosa

Behavioral Hospital on October 22, 2024. Mobile crises team refused to do their job, refused my calls and refused others calls. Instead, not for the first time, the Sheriff's Department was directed to fabricate criminal charges against my daughter for obstructing police officers. It required me to find a solution by filing for a CareAct that also gets blocked by BHD management. Unprofessionalism, incompetence and brutality of assigned to my daughter BHD unethical employees explained by their illegal actions against her stabilization by group of UNLICENSED BY CALIFORNIA STATE BOARD OF BEHAVIORAL SCIENCE so called "FAKE MENTAL HEALTH CLIENT SPECIALISTS" who entered into a criminal conspiracy. Santa Cruz County Personnel Department continues hire and accommodating with high salary those without CA State BBS license who will agree to inject and execute illegal AGENDA of criminal syndicate BHD against the wellbeing and safety of society. The CAREAct filed with Santa Cruz County Superior Court doesn't help because it is under control of agents assigned by BHD administration who are unlicensed weird wurdulak who knowledgably support a criminal conspiracy. The total and absolute corruption runs the Emeline complex where no one was kept accountable yet. The Emeline complex is looking constantly to involve more criminal minds to build up false accusations against my Autistic daughter and involve her instability, unmonitored and neglected health condition and corrupted mind by the BHD Corrupt Mind Program against her own wellbeing and safety and as well as destroy my wellbeing and safety. Nothing did ever stopped the BHD criminal syndicate during decade of continued unstoppable torture.

Below is email about Newsom, Legislature seek further crackdown on homeless encampments.

Sincerely,

Ludmila Boiko

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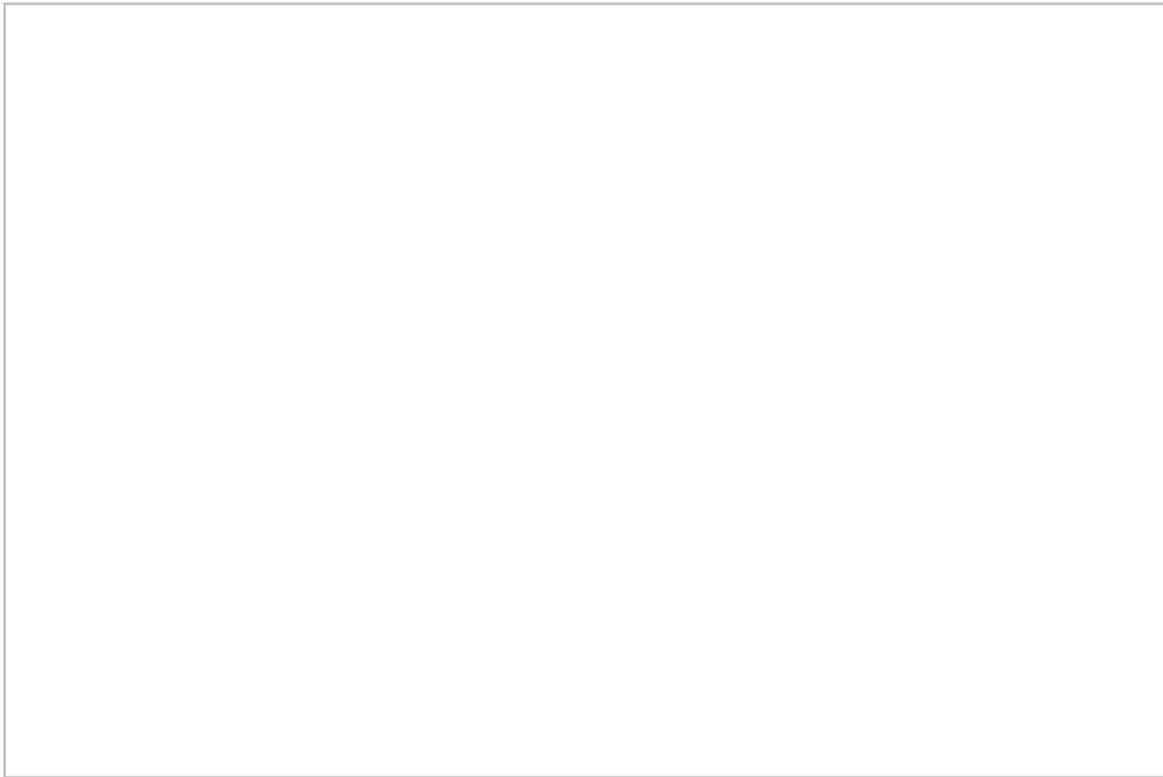


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**Newsom, Legislature seek further crackdown on homeless encampments**



Gov. Newsom helps clean up a homeless encampment along a freeway in San Diego on Jan. 12, 2022.  
Photo by Mike Blake, Reuters

As Gov. Gavin Newsom pushes local governments to do more about removing homeless encampments across California, one of the state's own agencies is being accused of not doing enough to clear illegal campsites, writes CalMatters' [Marisa Kendall](#).

On Monday the governor issued a "model ordinance" that [cities and counties should use to clear encampments](#). These guidelines include banning persistent camping (or more than three days) in one location, banning encampments that block sidewalks and more. Newsom also said the state would release \$3.3 billion to "communities statewide" to combat homelessness. The money comes from the \$6.4 billion [Proposition 1](#) that voters narrowly approved in March of last year.

Though the governor can't force local governments to adopt the ordinance, his request that they do so follows [an executive order he issued last summer](#) directing state agencies, including the California Department of Transportation, or Caltrans, to remove encampments. The agency is tasked to build and maintain highways, and spent more than \$51 million addressing encampments in the 2023-24 fiscal year.

But city officials and staff say [Caltrans still takes too long to sweep a camp](#), at times taking months to respond. In some extreme cases, camps remain for a year or two, said San Jose Mayor Matt Mahan.

- **Mahan:** “The longer we allow people to remain encamped along the freeway or along an on and off ramp, the more the encampment becomes established and people come to the location and we get a significant accumulation of waste.”

Because city workers, for the most part, are prohibited from going onto Caltrans property to clear camps themselves, the Legislature is considering a bill that would make it easier for the [agency to cooperate with local governments](#).

The measure would require Caltrans to hire a liaison to work with cities and counties, and to arrange clear timelines when Caltrans should respond to a city’s request to clear an encampment. It would also allow Caltrans to reimburse cities for when they use their own resources and personnel to clear encampments on Caltrans property.

The reimbursement provision is particularly popular among city officials: Mahan, for example, said it can cost as much as \$100,000 to remove a long-standing encampment.

Read more about [Newsom’s new ordinance](#) and the [Caltrans bill](#) from Marisa.

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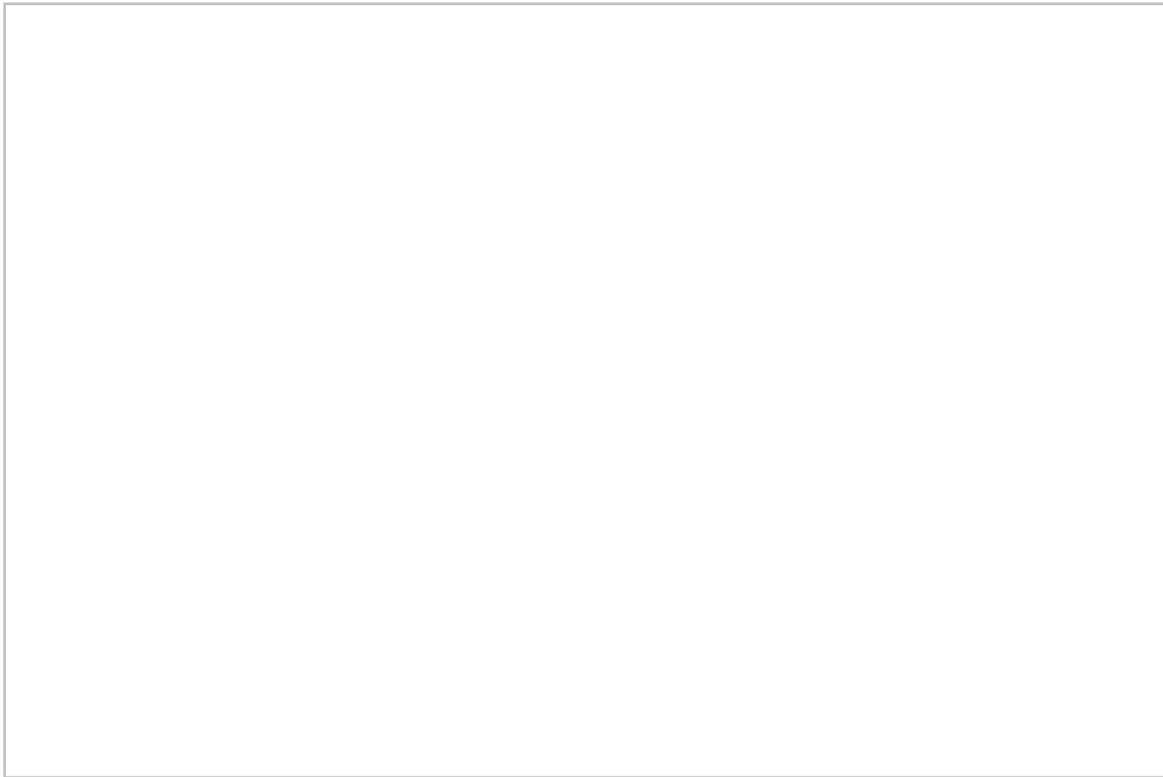
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A student uses her cellphone outside the Ramon C. Cortines School of Visual and Performing Arts High School in Los Angeles on Aug. 13, 2024. Photo by Damian Dovarganes, AP Photo

In a rare showing of bipartisanship, Democratic and Republican legislators in the Assembly on Monday spoke in support of a bill that would hold social media platforms financially liable up to \$1 million [for the harms they inflict on young users](#).

- **Assemblymember [Josh Lowenthal](#)**, a Long Beach Democrat and bill author: "Across the aisle and across the world, we all know that these platforms are harmful and addictive. ... In fact, some platforms seem to be flagrantly ignoring problems that we have identified by actively rolling back what little safeguards they've previously offered."

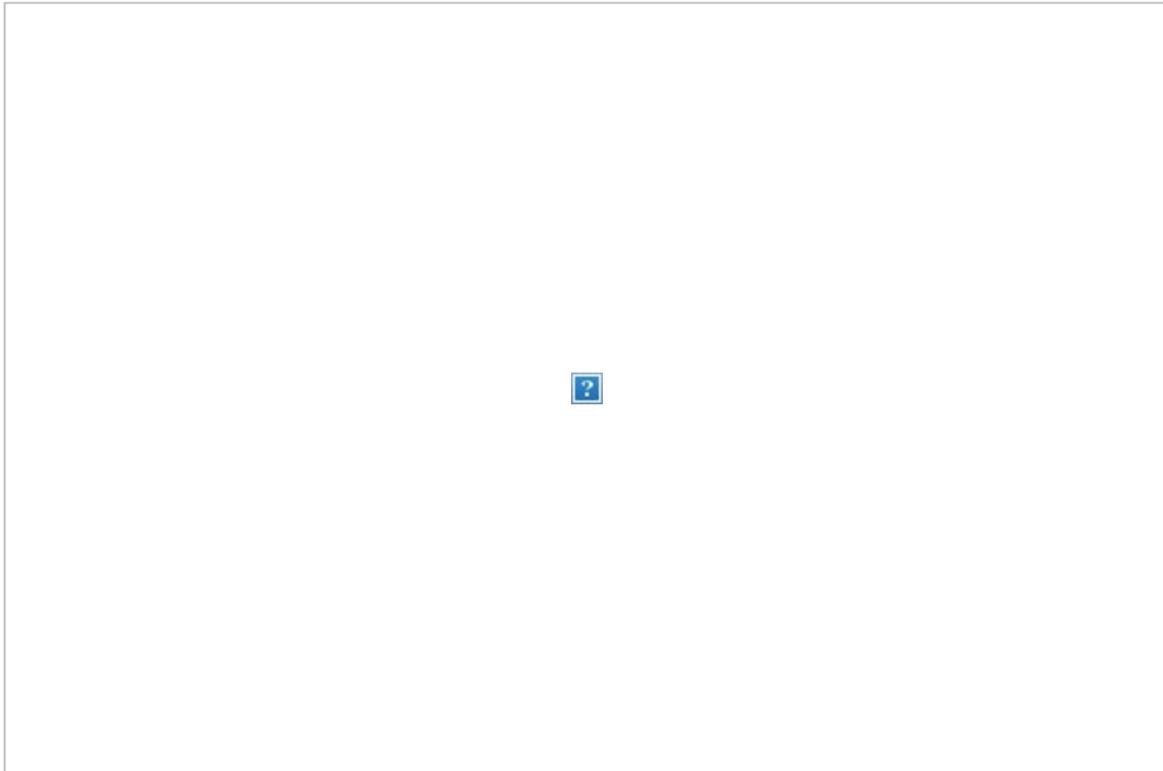
The bill is one of several the Legislature is considering to rein in the damage technology companies can cause with their products, including [chatbots](#) and other [artificial intelligence tools](#).

During the floor session, lawmakers brought up several examples of dangerous social media content, including bill co-author Assemblymember [Joe Patterson](#), whose neighbor died from a fentanyl overdose in 2020 that was purchased through social media. The Rocklin Republican also cited a [CalMatters op-ed](#) about a young daughter developing an eating disorder after being flooded with pro-anorexia social

media posts.

The Assembly passed the bill with 59 “yes” votes on the floor. Though there were no votes in opposition, 20 legislators did not vote, [which is the same as voting no](#).

## What happened to prisoners released during COVID?



A prisoner’s jacket hangs at Valley State Prison’s gymnasium in Chowchilla on Nov. 4, 2022. Photo by Jae C. Hong, AP Photo

During the pandemic, the Newsom administration released thousands of people from state prisons as COVID spread through close quarters.

Now, data obtained and analyzed by CalMatters shows for the first time [what happened to some of those former prisoners](#).

In total, between April 2020 and December 2021, the corrections department freed about 14,800 people early. Nearly one-third of those prisoners ended up back in prison.

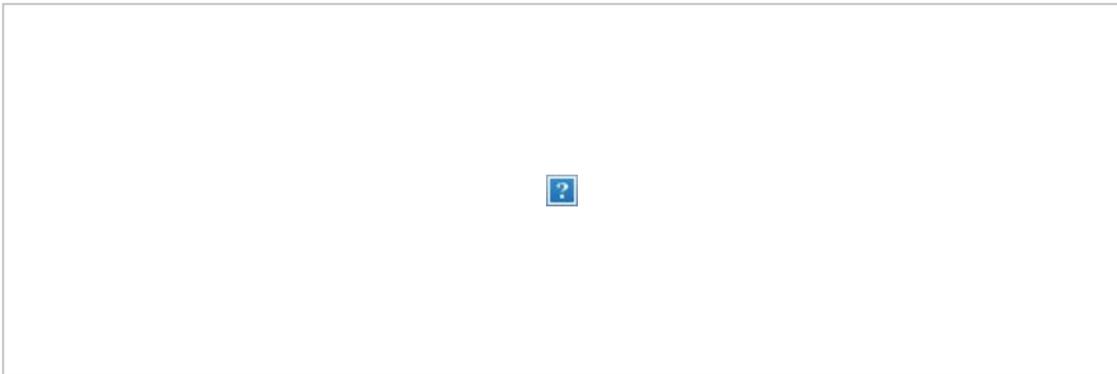
The data shows that:

- Most prisoners who were released early steered clear of serious crimes that would land them back in prison.
- Thirty people returned to prison for first- or second-degree murder offenses, representing fewer than 1% of the group.
- The top three reasons people went back to prison were illegally possessing a gun (14% of all cases), assault (10%), and burglary (9%). Vehicle theft, second-degree robbery and domestic abuse each accounted for about 4% to 5% of offenses.

Using news reports, press releases, statements from district attorneys and data from the corrections department, CalMatters' [Byrhonda Lyons](#) pieces together the details of what happened to some of the thousands who went back to state prison.

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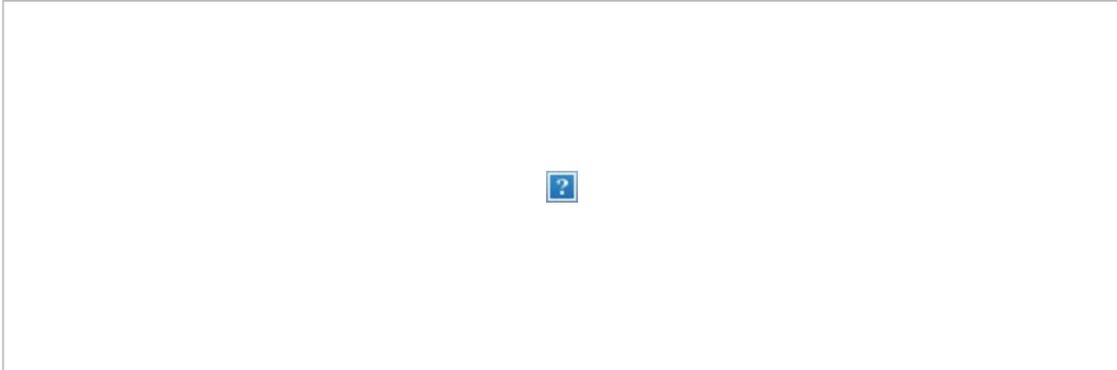


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**To:** [Jesseka Rodriguez](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Construction noise on Soquel Dr. @ Robertson St.  
**Date:** Tuesday, April 29, 2025 2:42:34 PM  
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**From:** k goodman [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 29, 2025 1:52 PM  
**To:** Katie Beach <Katie.Beach@santacruzcountyca.gov>; Board Of Supervisors <boardofsupervisors@santacruzcountyca.gov>  
**Cc:** Carolyn Burke <Carolyn.Burke@santacruzcountyca.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: Construction noise on Soquel Dr. @ Robertson St.

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Six days and I have not received a response from anyone. It feels like you are waiting it out until the work is done. No tangible help or relief from over a month and a half of sleeplessness 5 nights a week. If anyone associated with this work lived as near to the construction site as I (and many dozens of others), something would have been done, but as it stands; "so sorry, that's just the way it is". Complete lack of foresight or ability to respond effectively with actual help - i.e. hotel vouchers at the least.

Carolyn? Manu Koenig? As of today, when is the work proposed to be totally complete? Previously, the project site noted May 9th, but as we are all aware construction projects are notoriously extended.

I would appreciate a thoughtful, helpful and immediate response.

Karen D. Goodman

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**From:** k goodman [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 23, 2025 3:27 AM  
**To:** Katie Beach <[Katie.Beach@santacruzcountyca.gov](mailto:Katie.Beach@santacruzcountyca.gov)>;  
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**Cc:** Carolyn Burke <[Carolyn.Burke@santacruzcountyca.gov](mailto:Carolyn.Burke@santacruzcountyca.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: Construction noise on Soquel Dr. @ Robertson St.

Katie Beach, Carolyn Burke & The Board of Supervisors:

When planning the sewer project, it seems no consideration was made as to how to mitigate the serious disruption it would cause to the residents who live in the vicinity of a continuous all-night construction project. At the very least, hotel vouchers should have been set up and available upon request. I asked for a hotel voucher on March 28th and heard back on April 7th that this would have to be discussed with the Board of Supervisors first. It is unclear if this discussion has been scheduled yet. In the meantime, I am 5 weeks into what feels like a form of torture. As I stated to Katie below, I do not have expendable income to spend on a hotel without a guarantee of reimbursement.

Additionally, I have suggested construction to go in shorter, more efficient shifts that would not require a lunch break in order that work end at a reasonable hour i.e. 7 PM-12 AM. It is now 2:53AM and I am still listening to the rumbling of trucks. I have not slept yet. Again. (My understanding was that the section of work on Soquel @ Robertson was completed, but they are back again tonight).

Attached are two videos from tonight to give you an idea of what it's been like for weeks.

I need more than discussions and empathy. I need immediate, actionable steps to alleviate this extreme disruption to my health and well being and would appreciate your timely, helpful response.

Thank you,

Karen D. Goodman

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**From:** Katie Beach <[Katie.Beach@santacruzcountyca.gov](mailto:Katie.Beach@santacruzcountyca.gov)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 22, 2025 11:51 AM  
**To:** k goodman [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** Carolyn Burke <[Carolyn.Burke@santacruzcountyca.gov](mailto:Carolyn.Burke@santacruzcountyca.gov)>

**Subject:** RE: Construction noise on Soquel Dr. @ Robertson St.

Hi Karen,

I'm sorry for any confusion — my previous message referred specifically to night work between Daubenbiss and Robertson. As noted in earlier emails, night work is also occurring between Porter and Daubenbiss, which is the activity you're referencing now.

I understand how disruptive this has been, and I sincerely empathize with the impact it's had on your rest and well-being. Unfortunately, shifting this work to daytime/early evening hours would cause significant traffic disruptions and reduced nighttime shifts would extend the overall duration due to setup times/safety requirements associated with underground work. This work is classified as an "emergency," as it is time-sensitive infrastructure repair which does affect public health if left unaddressed. We're operating within the County's Noise Ordinance (Section 8.30), which allows for nighttime construction activities under several circumstances.

To stay informed, I recommend signing up for project updates here (although I am happy to provide updates to you directly when you inquire): [Project Newsletter Sign-up](#)

Here are the latest updates from the Communications Officer:

- [Sewer Update #3](#) – Sewer work is expected to continue through May 9, 2025 (subject to be extended due to underground conditions).
- [Buffered Bike Lane Update #14](#) – Night work for striping removal has been occurring and expected to end this work, followed by more night work for resurfacing (project update coming soon, but expected to begin Mid-May)

We are doing our best to balance the needs of residents, commuters, and businesses. I understand this doesn't make the disruption easier, but I want to assure you your concerns are heard and have been discussed with the Assistant Directors, Director, as well as Supervisor Koenig's aides. If you would like to further advance conversations regarding night work, I would suggest that you reach out to the District Supervisor's office <https://www.santacruzcountyca.gov/Government/BoardofSupervisors/ContactUs.aspx>

Thank you,

**Katie Beach**

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Community Development and Infrastructure - Public Works





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**From:** k goodman [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 22, 2025 1:03 AM  
**To:** Katie Beach <[Katie.Beach@santacruzcountyca.gov](mailto:Katie.Beach@santacruzcountyca.gov)>; Carolyn Burke <[Carolyn.Burke@santacruzcountyca.gov](mailto:Carolyn.Burke@santacruzcountyca.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: Construction noise on Soquel Dr. @ Robertson St.

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Katie,

From your April 4<sup>th</sup> email, you stated that "Night shifts will continue into Thursday and the following week...", suggesting to me that work would be done that following week. Instead, the work has continued with no communication or notice as to when it will be completed, and the all-night construction noise will finally end. While the construction (and stadium-like lights) is no longer across the street from me (although they were again last night for an hour or two), even a block away it is clearly audible and grating. The consistent, continual sound of trucks and generators rumbling on for hours has been a stress to my nervous system impeding my ability to sleep for well over a month. I have lost work because of sleep deprivation. Again, I will cite the noise ordinance **Section 9.36. 10 states that offensive noise shall not be permitted between the hours of 10:00 PM and 8:00 AM.** Your office claims that this work is an "emergency" allowing you to forgo the ordinance, yet in a true "emergency" (Wikipedia's definition: "An emergency is an urgent, unexpected, and usually dangerous situation that poses an *immediate risk* to health, life, property, or environment"); such as flood, fire, or other catastrophic event work would be done around the clock (without taking weekends off) until the "emergency" work was done. I understand that this sewer work is important and necessary and perhaps even urgent, but this is not an emergency. If it were, I would have heard from your office and received some kind of notification, which I did not. Our neighborhood cannot continue to be subjected to ongoing all-night construction. As I suggested some weeks ago, your office must think creatively and change construction hours

to those that are lawful or at the very least display a modicum of consideration for your community.

I appreciate your immediate response including a calendar of the entire construction schedule including the completion date, as well as what your office will do now to modify hours to comply with a more humane schedule.

Thank you,

Karen D. Goodman

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**From:** Katie Beach <[Katie.Beach@santacruzcountyca.gov](mailto:Katie.Beach@santacruzcountyca.gov)>

**Sent:** Monday, April 7, 2025 11:53 AM

**To:** k goodman [REDACTED]

**Subject:** RE: Construction noise on Soquel Dr. @ Robertson St.

Hi Karen,

Yes, I can address the metal plates, thank you for letting me know.

As of now, I do not have any approvals to provide hotel accommodations. The County/District has not done this in the past and we would need to discuss this with the Board of Supervisors. My suggestion in the meantime would be to do what you feel is best for your wellbeing- you can submit hotel accommodations as a claim, but there would be no guarantee that the County Risk department would approve the claim.

Either way, I will request discuss the topic of hotel vouchers/accommodations up with the District Engineer to see if this is something that he can discuss with the District board members.

Thank you,



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**From:** k goodman [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 6, 2025 9:32 PM  
**To:** Katie Beach <[Katie.Beach@santacruzcountyca.gov](mailto:Katie.Beach@santacruzcountyca.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: Construction noise on Soquel Dr. @ Robertson St.

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I am back home and when cars simply drive over the metal plates in the road on Soquel Dr. it creates a loud pounding noise that is jarring.

I would greatly appreciate if you could speak with the roadwork crew about mitigating the noise from the plates somehow.

I have nowhere to stay this week so will be unable to get away from the construction noise, so I would like to revisit the request for hotel accommodations.

Please get back to me as soon as you are able.

Thank you,

Karen

[REDACTED]

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**From:** Katie Beach <[Katie.Beach@santacruzcountyca.gov](mailto:Katie.Beach@santacruzcountyca.gov)>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 4, 2025 12:37 PM  
**To:** k goodman <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** Re: Construction noise on Soquel Dr. @ Robertson St.

Hi Karen,

For next week, there is a slight shift from what I told you at the beginning of the week. Work will resume Monday night and will continue through Wednesday night near Robertson. Night shifts will continue into Thursday and the following week, however that will be concentrated near the east and west limits of the project (Cotton Lane & Porter Street).

Thanks you,

Katie

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**From:** k goodman [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 3, 2025 2:06:24 PM  
**To:** Katie Beach <[Katie.Beach@santacruzcountyca.gov](mailto:Katie.Beach@santacruzcountyca.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: Construction noise on Soquel Dr. @ Robertson St.

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Hi Katie,

Please do let me know on Friday what the status is so I have time to find somewhere to stay.

Thank you,

Karen D. Goodman

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**From:** Katie Beach <[Katie.Beach@santacruzcountyca.gov](mailto:Katie.Beach@santacruzcountyca.gov)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 1, 2025 1:54 PM  
**To:** k goodman <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** RE: Construction noise on Soquel Dr. @ Robertson St.

Hi Karen,

Construction will continue tonight, Wednesday night, and Thursday night (and occurred last night). If work in the section between Daubenbiss and Robertson still remains at the end of these shifts, next week's schedule would be Sunday night, Monday night, Tuesday night. I can update you on Friday morning, 4/4, with the progress and a better idea of how many more nights will be needed.

For small claims such as what you are requesting below, you must submit a claim form (link below to the form). If you would like to email the form to me, I can submit it to our County Clerk & Risk Departments.

<https://www.santacruzcountyca.gov/Portals/0/County/COB/PER5003%20-%20English%20Fillable.pdf>

Thank you,



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**From:** k goodman <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 1, 2025 1:20 PM  
**To:** Katie Beach <[Katie.Beach@santacruzcountyca.gov](mailto:Katie.Beach@santacruzcountyca.gov)>

**Subject:** Re: Construction noise on Soquel Dr. @ Robertson St.

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HiKatie,

Fortunately, I will be able to stay with friends for the next few days. However, I would like to know exactly what days construction will be going on. I assume this week it's Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday Thursday, is it the same for next week?

In lieu of a hotel, I would like to be compensated for my loss of wages this past Friday.

Thank you,

Karen D. Goodman

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**From:** Katie Beach <[Katie.Beach@santacruzcountyca.gov](mailto:Katie.Beach@santacruzcountyca.gov)>

**Sent:** Monday, March 31, 2025 4:48:49 PM

**To:** k goodman [REDACTED]

**Subject:** Re: Construction noise on Soquel Dr. @ Robertson St.

Hi Karen,

I apologize, when we spoke Friday I did not remember that today is a County holiday, so I was not able to discuss hotel vouchers with staff.

I can confirm that construction is scheduled to resume tonight. I can check in again tomorrow after the rest of the county staff is back in The office and I see how much progress is made during tonight's shift.

I understand how disruptive this work is, I apologize that the situation is not ideal and I truly appreciate the continued communication as I work with our group on alternative options.

Thank you,

Katie

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**From:** k goodman <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 31, 2025 1:39 PM  
**To:** Katie Beach <[Katie.Beach@santacruzcountyca.gov](mailto:Katie.Beach@santacruzcountyca.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: Construction noise on Soquel Dr. @ Robertson St.

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Would you please get back with me as soon as possible regarding the below and if we can expect construction tonight?

I may be able to stay with friends, but prefer not to pack up until it's absolutely necessary.

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**From:** k goodman <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 30, 2025 11:18 AM

**To:** Katie Beach <[Katie.Beach@santacruzcountyca.gov](mailto:Katie.Beach@santacruzcountyca.gov)>

**Subject:** Re: Construction noise on Soquel Dr. @ Robertson St.

Hi Katie,

I woke up with anxiety at the potential of five (or potentially more) all-nighters of industrial construction noise. I cannot stay here while this is going on. I lost a day of work Friday, because I did not sleep all night. I do contract work so when I miss work, I do not get paid. Continuing all night construction is unreasonable and inhumane. There must be another time, perhaps 7pm-12am, shorter more efficient shifts that also show respect for residents.

Please let me know what you have all come up with to mitigate the impact to residents. And again, I would like to receive funds for a hotel and ideally would like to be compensated for missed work.

I appreciate your thoughtful and timely response.

Thank you,

Karen D. Goodman

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**From:** Katie Beach <[Katie.Beach@santacruzcountyca.gov](mailto:Katie.Beach@santacruzcountyca.gov)>

**Sent:** Friday, March 28, 2025 3:43 PM

**To:** k goodman <[k](#)>

**Subject:** RE: Construction noise on Soquel Dr. @ Robertson St.

Hi Karen,

We estimate that the work between Daubenbiss and Robertson will take 7 additional shifts. Work is scheduled to resume Monday night, however, will be weather dependent. There will be additional night work further east of Robertson between Porter and Daubenbiss later, once utilities have all been located.

This afternoon, the Contractor's Project Manager and I discussed speaking with the crew about being more mindful of yelling/loud talking during the shift as well as attempting to limit equipment/vehicle movements which trigger backup alarms to the extent feasible.

I am not aware of County/District offering hotel vouchers in the past, but I will inquire about this possibility with the Assistant Directors. I will follow up with you on Monday.

Thank you,



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**From:** k goodman [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, March 28, 2025 2:57 PM  
**To:** Katie Beach <[Katie.Beach@santacruzcountyca.gov](mailto:Katie.Beach@santacruzcountyca.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: Construction noise on Soquel Dr. @ Robertson St.

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Katie,

Please get back to me with exactly how much longer this work is expected to take and if your office will supply hotel vouchers for the remaining time. I have lost a day of work and cannot continue to stay here with this construction nextdoor.

Thank you,

Karen D. Goodman

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**From:** k goodman [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, March 28, 2025 12:06 PM  
**To:** Katie Beach <[Katie.Beach@santacruzcountyca.gov](mailto:Katie.Beach@santacruzcountyca.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: Construction noise on Soquel Dr. @ Robertson St.

Hi Katie,

Thanks for getting back with me. Per our conversation this morning, again, I would appreciate it if you and your team could come up with a creative compromise that would end construction at a reasonable hour. It is too much to ask residents here to endure night after night of loud industrial construction noise all night long. Attached are two videos from my bedroom, taken after 1:00 AM. Despite using ear plugs and an ambient air filter, I am totally sleep deprived and am missing work today because of this overnight construction.

Thank you,

Karen D. Goodman

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**From:** Katie Beach <[Katie.Beach@santacruzcountyca.gov](mailto:Katie.Beach@santacruzcountyca.gov)>

**Sent:** Friday, March 28, 2025 11:17 AM

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Cc:** DPWWeb <[dpwweb@santacruzcountyca.gov](mailto:dpwweb@santacruzcountyca.gov)>

**Subject:** RE: Construction noise on Soquel Dr. @ Robertson St.

Good Afternoon Ms. Goodman,

Thank you for reaching out regarding the ongoing construction work on Soquel Drive near Robertson Street. We understand your concerns about nighttime noise and its impact on nearby residents.

This work is part of an **emergency sewer replacement project**, which is necessary due to failing sewer lines on Soquel Drive between Porter and Cotton Lane. Given the urgency and the need to prevent further infrastructure damage or health risks, the work had to proceed outside of standard construction hours to minimize disruptions to essential services and traffic.

Regarding noise regulations, the **Santa Cruz County Noise Ordinance (Section 8.30)** allows for necessary street and infrastructure repairs at the County's discretion. While we strive to limit night work in residential areas, certain high-traffic corridors, such as Soquel Drive, require nighttime operations to ensure public safety and minimize congestion. We do, however, work closely with our Contractors, County staff, and district supervisor's to limit these disruptions as much as possible.

We acknowledge that extended night work can be disruptive, and we are actively working to complete the project as efficiently as possible. Work between Porter and Robertson will be done during the night, however, once work progresses west past Robertson, day shifts will resume.

We appreciate your patience and understanding as we complete this essential infrastructure repair. If you have any further questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out.

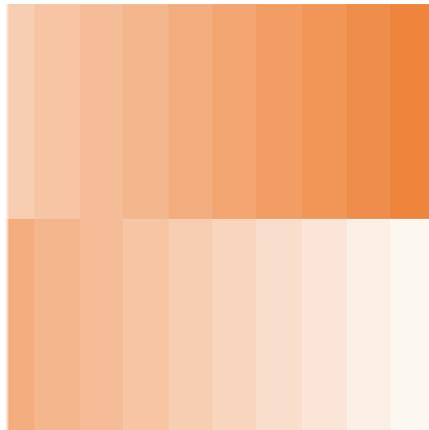
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**From:** DPWWeb <[dpwwweb@santacruzcountyca.gov](mailto:dpwwweb@santacruzcountyca.gov)>

**Sent:** Friday, March 28, 2025 8:44 AM

**To:** Katie Beach <[Katie.Beach@santacruzcountyca.gov](mailto:Katie.Beach@santacruzcountyca.gov)>

**Subject:** FW: Construction noise on Soquel Dr. @ Robertson St.

Hi Katie,

Please see below.

Thank you,



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Office Assistant III

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**From:** k goodman [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Friday, March 28, 2025 12:17 AM

**To:** DPWWeb <[dpwweb@santacruzcountyca.gov](mailto:dpwweb@santacruzcountyca.gov)>

**Subject:** Construction noise on Soquel Dr. @ Robertson St.

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Department of Public Works:

The road work on Soquel Drive @ Robertson St. has been going on for many consecutive nights, starting late in the evening and continuing well past midnight. This is a residential area compacted with dozens of dwellings within a block (some homes are only 20 ft away) of this work who are being impacted by loud generator and work noise for hours during a time of evening when most people are trying to sleep. How is this ok? Santa Cruz County has a noise ordinance, and the city is not honoring its own regulation. Work of this nature needs to be done within a reasonable time frame that is not a burden on residents.

Please immediately stop (non-emergency) late night work on Soquel Drive or any other residential neighborhood. **Section 9.36. 10 states that offensive noise shall not be permitted between the hours of 10:00 PM and 8:00 AM. Section 9.36.**

In Soquel, construction noise regulations generally restrict activities to weekdays between 8:00 AM and 7:00 PM, and Saturdays between 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM, with Sunday construction generally prohibited.

Here's a more detailed breakdown of the construction noise regulations in Soquel, CA:

Permitted Hours:

- **Weekdays (Monday-Friday):** Construction activities, including the delivery of materials and equipment, are permitted between **8:00 AM and 7:00 PM.**
- **Saturdays:** Construction is permitted between **9:00 AM and 4:00 PM.**
- **Sundays:** Construction activities are generally prohibited.

Offensive Noise:

- No person shall make, cause, suffer or permit to be made any offensive noises which disturb or annoy people of ordinary sensitiveness.
- No person shall, between the hours of 10 p.m. and 8 a.m., make, cause, suffer or permit to be made any offensive noise within the vicinity of any building or place regularly used for sleeping purposes.

Karen D. Goodman





**From:** [Board Of Supervisors](#)  
**To:** [Jesseka Rodriguez](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Response to current health budget cuts  
**Date:** Wednesday, May 14, 2025 9:46:55 AM

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**From:** Marije Miller [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 13, 2025 7:44 AM  
**To:** Board Of Supervisors <boardofsupervisors@santacruzcountyca.gov>  
**Subject:** Response to current health budget cuts

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Dear Members of the Board of Supervisors,

I am writing to express my deep concern regarding the recent meeting on proposed reductions to health services within our county, particularly the decision to close the Gemma House and significantly curtail mental health services.

These reductions come at a time when the need for such support is greater than ever. Governor Newsom's recently released plan empowering cities to ban homeless encampments requires that counties provide realistic and compassionate alternatives—namely, increased access to housing and mental health care. Reducing these essential services directly undermines the success of this initiative and places our most vulnerable residents at even greater risk.

The closure of the Gemma House and cuts to mental health support will only serve to worsen conditions on our streets, burden emergency services, and push struggling individuals further into crisis. Rather than reduce these programs, we should be working toward expanding and improving them.

I strongly urge you to reconsider your plans and explore alternative solutions that prioritize public health and community stability. Please seek increased budgets or reallocation of funds to preserve and enhance vital health and mental health services in our county.

Thank you for your time and your commitment to our community.

Sincerely,

Marije Miller

Marije Miller, PCC Certified Coach &  
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**From:** [Board Of Supervisors](#)  
**To:** [Jesseka Rodriguez](#)  
**Subject:** FW: State Seal of Civic Engagement: PVHS Students helping Habitat for Humanity: Volunteer to Build Homes  
**Date:** Friday, May 9, 2025 3:42:16 PM

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**From:** Catherine Stihler [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 6, 2025 10:05 AM  
**To:** Heather Contreras <heather\_contreras@pvusd.net>  
**Cc:** Daniel Jimenez-Lara <3501647@pvusd.net>; maria.orozco@watsonville.gov; eduardo.montesino@watsonville.gov; vanessa.quiruz@watsonville.gov; kristal.salcido@watsonville.gov; ari.parker@watsonville.gov; jimmy.dutra@watsonville.gov; casey.clark@watsonville.gov; tamara.vides@watsonville.gov; irwin.ortiz@watsonville.gov; Board Of Supervisors <boardofsupervisors@santacruzcountyca.gov>; lyndsey@habitatmontereybay.org; todd\_wilson <todd\_wilson@pvusd.net>; Julie Edwards <julie\_edwards@pvusd.net>  
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Dear Friends,

I was truly inspired by Daniel and Francisco's Habitat presentation and the remarkable pupils at PVHS. Their dedication to Habitat and affordable housing was not only impressive, but also a powerful example of civic engagement in action. The students' enthusiasm and commitment to making a positive impact were evident and uplifting.

I've attached a pic from my visit. I cannot recommend Daniel, Francisco and the students I met more highly, and I sincerely hope they are recognized with the State Seal of Civic Engagement for their outstanding work and character.

Warm regards,

Catherine



**Catherine Stihler**

CEO



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wrote:

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Sincerely,  
Dr. Contreras

On Tue, Apr 15, 2025 at 2:15 PM Daniel Jimenez-Lara <[REDACTED]> wrote:

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Good evening,

Daniel, thank you for sharing the work you are doing and advocating for in our community, it's exciting so many PVUSD students becoming community activists, helping the entire community learn what matters to you and your peers. I am happy to support you in connecting your project and advocacy to be in alignment with earning the California Seal of Civic Engagement. Please let me know how I can support you in your documentation and pursuit of the Seal! You are welcome to contact me at [julie\\_edwards@pvusd.net](mailto:julie_edwards@pvusd.net)

Onward in community,  
Julie

**Julie Edwards**  
**MA Educational Leadership, MA Counseling, PPS**  
**CTE Coordinator, PVUSD**  
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"The first revolution is when you change your mind about how you look at things, and see there might be another way to look at it that you have not been shown."  
**Gil Scott-Heron**



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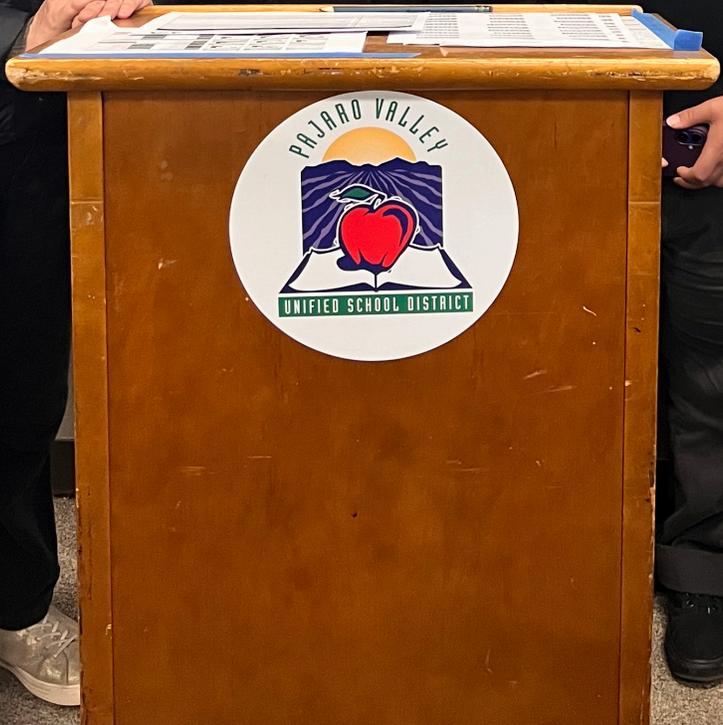
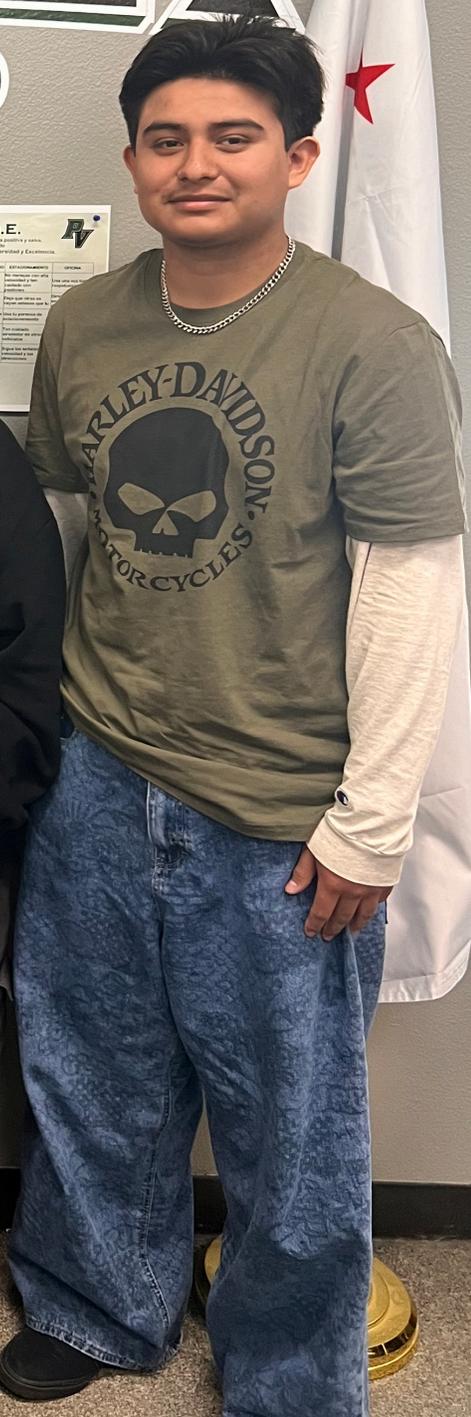


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**From:** [Board Of Supervisors](#)  
**To:** [Jesseka Rodriguez](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Budget Opportunity FY 2025-2026  
**Date:** Friday, May 9, 2025 2:16:06 PM

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**From:** Mike Weatherford [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 29, 2025 5:55:53 PM  
**To:** Board Of Supervisors <boardofsupervisors@santacruzcountyca.gov>  
**Subject:** Budget Opportunity FY 2025-2026

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Thanks for your hard work on the budget.

I was reviewing the current year budget, and noticed that Cannabis Licensing (Business Unit 18/40/00) appears to require General fund contributions of \$500K for the year. As I am reading the budget, revenues from fees are \$353K and costs of operations are \$852K.

It seems like the fees should be immediately increased, or reduce the staff so it becomes “breakeven” at the very least.

You also might consider increasing the fees to make Cannabis Licensing a profit center, using the funds to support addiction treatment resources.

Mike Weatherford  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [Board Of Supervisors](#)  
**To:** [Jesseka Rodriguez](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Immediate Need for Supportive Family Visitation Plan for [REDACTED]  
**Date:** Friday, May 9, 2025 2:37:27 PM

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**From:** melissa schilling [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 1, 2025 9:21 AM  
**To:** melissa schilling [REDACTED]  
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**Subject:** Re: Immediate Need for Supportive Family Visitation Plan for [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] messaged us that he plans to move home when school is out in three weeks. He communicated that he had let his social worker know, his lawyer know and his teachers at school.

We need a plan in place that meets his needs and keeps the community safe. We need behavioral and social emotional supports and a responsive framework to follow.

It would be a shame to ignore this message and let things unfold without support. That would put us back to a year ago when there was not a crisis plan in place and we were simply responding to everything in real time with law enforcement.

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On Mon, Apr 21, 2025 at 10:00 AM melissa schilling [REDACTED] > wrote:  
**Subject:** Immediate Need for Supportive Family Visitation Plan for [REDACTED]

I'm writing to express deep concern about the ongoing treatment and planning around my son, [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] has not been provided with the strategies, outlets, or pathways to maintain healthy, supportive contact with his family. This lack of connection has had visible and painful consequences. We recently learned that he escaped from his STRTP in order to come home

—seeking the comfort, care, and grounding that only his family can provide. He visited family for 5 days.

Instead of being heard or supported in this need, [REDACTED] voice was ignored. His request to visit family was met not with understanding or a constructive plan, but with punishment—specifically, by restricting his access to digital communication. Unsurprisingly, this only increased his distress and ultimately led him to go AWOL again.

He has expressed plans to come home in two weeks. This should not be treated as a threat or violation, but as a clear sign of where he finds safety and stability. He needs a plan that acknowledges the importance of his family connections and allows him to draw love, comfort, and support from the people who know and care for him the most.

What is the long-term plan here? [REDACTED] will be 18 in less than a year. We should be focused on helping him build healthy, lasting relationships that will carry him into adulthood—not enforcing artificial separations that are causing more harm than good and will soon be irrelevant.

Shame, shame to the team in charge—where is your conscience? The approach being taken by Santa Cruz County Social Services is not just ineffective; it is actively harmful. It is creating pain, trauma, and long-term damage in a young person's life during a time when healing and connection are most needed.

We are requesting a meeting to discuss a family visitation plan that supports [REDACTED] emotional well-being and development, rather than punishes his natural desire for connection. This is a critical time to listen to his voice and respond with compassion and wisdom.

Sincerely,  
(Family of [REDACTED])  
Melissa Schilling  
Kathy Schilling  
John Vigliecca  
Jared Vigliecca  
Alex Vigliecca  
Roy Vigliecca  
Beverly Vigliecca  
Martin Goicoechea  
Roque Tomatis  
Sarah Boll  
Tabitha Stroup  
Rebecca King  
Gunther Gettelfinger

**From:** [Board Of Supervisors](#)  
**To:** [Jesseka Rodriguez](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Primrose Bundle proposed Zoning changes  
**Date:** Friday, May 9, 2025 2:21:30 PM

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**From:** Kendel White [REDACTED] >  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 1, 2025 8:35:34 AM  
**To:** Board Of Supervisors <[boardofsupervisors@santacruzcountyca.gov](mailto:boardofsupervisors@santacruzcountyca.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: Primrose Bundle proposed Zoning changes

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I want to thank all of you for your thoughtful discussion and consideration of the county-wide rezoning effort. I know you are all trying to balance the community's needs with the potential impacts on the local stakeholders and homeowners.

Best Regards

**Kendel White**

Founder & President

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On Mon, Apr 28, 2025 at 12:25 PM Kendel White [REDACTED] wrote:

Dear County Supervisors,

I understand you have received comprehensive examples of how modifying the zoning density for the "Primrose Bundles" development will contradict several aspects of the General Plan.

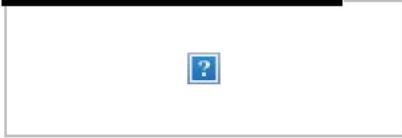
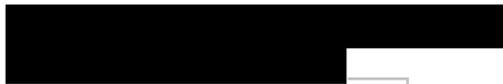
We are not opposed to developing these parcels. Our primary concern is ensuring the development meets the established residential area in proximity. Furthermore, I recognize the demands you face from the state to fulfill housing element objectives. Considering the potential conflicts with the county's stipulations for housing development, I hope you will thoroughly evaluate the site's location and the permitted housing density.

My concern extends to the anticipated increase in traffic and its impact on public safety along Green Valley Road, particularly given the recent approval of other sites within a mile of Primrose Lane. Please consider limiting the number of housing units authorized for construction within the Rural environment.

Respectfully,

**Kendel White**

Founder & President



## RE: Item 7 on the 4/29/2025 Board of Supervisors meeting

Proposed rezoning development for 5 parcels on Primrose Lane:

Arguments **against** rezoning B-41, B-42, B-43, B-44, B-45 parcels clustered around Primrose Lane as shown on Map 10 in the March 26, 2025 staff report for the Planning Commission.

We, the neighbors, believe the 5 Primrose Lane parcels should not be considered for rezoning as part of the RHNA rezoning and large development plans, and that this proposal for the Primrose Lane parcels is **inconsistent** with the guidelines set forth in the Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing document (AFFH) in the State mandate, AB686, and its enforcement tool, the Housing Element.

We have reviewed the General Plan (GP), Housing Element (HE), and the Built Environment Element (BE) documents in detail and believe that the proposed rezoning of the Primrose Lane parcels is completely inappropriate and not in compliance with multiple facets of the guidelines for development outlined in all these documents. The Primrose Lane parcels are situated in the North end of a section of Green Valley Road that is a 1.1 mile "island" Urban Service Line (USL) not near any transit hub or resources and disconnected from the main USL.

These parcels (050-041-35,-36,-38,-45,-46) are currently zoned **R-UVL**, which is very low-density housing and are surrounded by parcels with livestock and organic farming. The rezoning would put them at **R-UH** which would allow high density development in a **resource sparse** area. No other properties have been proposed to make such a drastic shift in zoning density. The proposed development with 161 units on the patchwork of adjoining parcels (a total of 9.3 buildable acres) is completely inconsistent with the surrounding farms and housing and would require multiple 3-4 story high buildings of which there are none as far as the eye can see in this area. There are also some serious concerns with access for fire response to such a high-density development in what is a limited access area.

- This is inconsistent with the General Plan that Primrose Lane and the Green Valley Road USL absorb such a massive development plan to satisfy the RHNA. In fact, the Planners already acknowledge and reported to the Planning Commissioners **that they already have enough units to satisfy the RHNA and buffer units without rezoning the Primrose Lane parcels.**
- If you look at the maps in the General Plan 2024 document, the focused growth area is shown to be the Capitola/Live Oak area and directs development to not be in a segregated community. There is no talk in the General Plan or in the Built Environment Element that the Green Valley Road USL area be part of such a focused increase development to satisfy the RHNA especially since:
  - This "island" USL is already in a segregated mostly Hispanic, low-income neighborhood, in a high disadvantaged community as is clearly pointed out in the Housing Element (Amesti, Interlaken, and Freedom which is exactly where the Primrose Lane parcels are located).
  - This 1.1 mile stretch on Green Valley Road already has maximum capacity in this island USL.
  - It is not in a "high resource" area
  - It is not "near employment centers"
  - It is not near "high performing schools"

- It is not in “high opportunity areas”
- It is not near any transportation hub
- AFFH is clear that new development should not be centered in areas of segregation, and concentration of low-income households and that the new development must be in high resource areas. It also states that new development must be distributed throughout the county, **but Green Valley Road has been targeted to satisfy almost 50% of the residential (omitting Commercial and Open space parcels) sites to be rezoned in this 1.1 mile stretch in an already underserved, segregated, and disadvantaged population.**
- It seems completely inappropriate to allow such a massive increase in population on this 1.1 mile stretch that has no resources. This is especially concerning if a high percentage are from disadvantaged, extremely low- and low-income individuals that would be housed in this area far from any resources.
- **Traffic:** 190 units on Green Valley Road USL corridor have already passed through the Planning Commission. Approving the extra 161 units on the Primrose parcels, totaling 351 units, would increase that congestion **to potentially over 600 more car traffic** to an already highly congested road. The north end of Green Valley Road where the Primrose Lane properties are located is extremely narrow with no room for expansion. This area is not a “transit rich area”. The bus stops and bus system in this area would not be able to support such a massive increase in use.

Points for consideration:

- **Parcels:** Of the 75 parcels proposed for rezoning countywide, 45 are zoned residential (meaning not commercial or open space) and 7 of those residential parcels are on Green Valley Road, which means **15% of residential parcels proposed to be rezoned are in the Green Valley Road 1.1-mile USL island.**
- **UNITS:** There are 771 proposed residential units to be rezoned. 351 are in the Green Valley Road USL island, **which means 46% of the residential units proposed to be rezoned in the entire county are on the 1.1 mile stretch!**
- **Primrose Lane:** 161 units are proposed for Primrose Lane parcels. **161/771 =21% of all proposed residential units to be rezoned are on Primrose Lane. As a reminder, Primrose Lane parcels are 5 adjoining parcels. No other residential parcel area is asked to absorb such massive development.**
  - Please note, as mentioned above, under the current rezoning proposal, the average # of units per residential site is 10 units/site. For **Green Valley Road it is 50 units per site and for Primrose Lane it is 32/site, but really it is 161 units/ site because Primrose is a collection of 5 abutting sites, unlike any other site situation in the county.**
  - We want to know what the rationale is for dumping so many units on these Primrose parcels which is inconsistent not only with the Housing Element but also with the assignment of units for all the other residential sites. One developer owns these parcels. Is this a case of accommodating a developer’s desire to maximize development and taking advantage of the current housing crisis?
- RE: North Green Valley Road USL:
  - No activity center/no community center/no room to add commercial resources

- Green Valley Road USL is an “island” USL and the proposed rezoning and massive development does not conform with Objectives and Goals in the Built Environment Element (BE) (Objective BE-1.1)
- The BE requires development to be near existing developed areas with adequate public services to include stores and restaurants. The Primrose parcels are far from these resources, and, as discussed in the study session, Primrose Lane is not appropriate for ‘mixed use’ as parcels with this zoning must be centrally located if in the rural area (BE-3.1.2)
- Objective BE-1.2: Development along transportation corridors
  - Development must be located within ½ mile of “high-quality” transit corridors- Development on Primrose Parcels is not compliant
  - Primrose lane is not along a ‘multimodal corridor’
  - ‘Multiuse’ or ‘infill mixed use’ is not appropriate for Primrose parcels since these parcels are not near any activity or business center or transportation hub
  - Primrose Lane is 2.5 miles from the nearest grocery store (Safeway) (Harvest Moon is a liquor convenience store and cannot be considered a resource for groceries)
- BE-1.3 Defines Activity centers: Primrose Lane and Green Valley Road USL proposed rezoning and development does not fit with the definition for that guideline. Numerous areas were discussed in the Build Environment Element for focused growth areas, none of which were in the Green Valley Road island USL. Pages 2-19 to 2-22 in the Build Environment Element and Fig 2.2 outlines focused growth areas which are in the Live Oak and Pleasure Point areas and NOT on the Green Valley Road USL island.
- BE-1.4: **Complete Neighborhoods:** access to shopping and services within 15 minute walk. The Green Valley Road USL, and especially Primrose Lane parcels, are **not** in compliance with this to allow proposed development. BE-1.4 Fig. 2-3(pg 2-24)
- The General Plan identifies focused growth corridors and activity centers in the Capitola/Live Oak area (see maps in BE 2.3 Fig 2-1(pg 2-8) and BE 2.4 Fig. 2-2(pg 2-18). Green Valley Road island USL is not part of these corridors.
- General Plan 2024: **Resource Land Use Designation map** shows all agriculture surrounding the Green Valley Road USL which is **1.1 mile long stretch with no commercial businesses except for one small liquor store.**
- The developer who owns all the Primrose parcels can still exercise his right to split his parcels and have 2 units on each for 16 units on this site area, which is already greater than the average of 10 units/parcel on residential sites (omitting commercial and open space in these calculations).
  - It was disrespectful and insulting for the developer to reduce our valid concerns as simply a case of NIMBY, as was expressed by the developer’s agent at the study session.
  - It was also inappropriate for the developer who owns these parcels and does not live anywhere near these parcels, to threaten builder’s remedy since there would be no standing under the current zoning on these parcels.

Another deep concern is how is it appropriate that the rezoning of the Primrose Lane parcels falls into the Ministerial designation? The Ministerial designation for the Primrose parcels is **not** on the HE-E

(Table 7) or the HE-F, but it shows up on the Planners' staff report. **WHY?** Yet in both the Housing Element (pg 4-31 and 4-32) and the staff report (pg 30 for 3/26/2025 staff report) it references Program H-1C where 'overlay zones (-Min) are on about "11.8 acres on 7 parcels in commercial zones, comprising a total of 5 sites". It further states "All of these parcels are in commercial zones...". Primrose parcels are not commercial properties. Why was the -Min designation added to the Primrose Lane parcels? What were the criteria? Was it because of the inappropriately huge number of units assigned to the site, thereby assigning 42% to be Low- and Very Low-income units? If so, this -Min assignment is completely inappropriate.

We are not necessarily against the property owner's right to develop his parcels. He absolutely can do this without any rezoning needed. As we understand it, he can split his parcels and build 2 units on each with possible addition of ADUs. Even with that type of development, resource and transit availability is challenging. Certainly, it would be much harder for extremely low-, very low-, and low-income households (as defined in the Housing Element) to be placed in a resource desert that is the Green Valley Road USL, but our main concern is the volume of people proposed to be housed on these parcels (potentially 322 people plus children) in an already crowded USL with no resources or traffic mitigations plans. Whether they are all low-income or medium-income, we have the same concerns.

We believe it is important to help get people off the streets and find affordable housing. But we also believe that it is as important, if not more important, where we place them. We know the cities and counties have had a daunting task and are under a lot of pressure to follow the new requirements to find properties and streamline the building process, **but the properties should be in areas where people can actually have a chance to help themselves and have access to services.** This is where thoughtful protocols must be in place to assess what their lives might look like after they are placed in these housing units. We respect low-income people enough to create affordable housing, so we must also respect them enough not to place them in areas that are not user friendly for their most basic needs. Placing them in the Primrose Lane area or in sites miles away from any services, appears to only serve filling the requirement to find property to build and not to serve the very ones we are trying to help.

Thank you for your focused attention to this issue.

Cynthia Kern and neighbors of the Primrose Lane parcels

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May 9, 2025

Kelly Hammerle  
Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (VAM-LD)  
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Subject: Opposition to the Proposed 11<sup>th</sup> National OCS Oil and Gas Leasing Program

Dear Ms. Hammerle:

I am writing this letter as the former Secretary for the California Natural Resources Agency (2011-2019); the current State Senator for the 17<sup>th</sup> Senate District, which includes the coastal areas for San Luis Obispo, Monterey, and Santa Cruz counties; and as a former Mayor of a coastal jurisdiction – in strong opposition to the proposed 11<sup>th</sup> National Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Oil and Gas Leasing Program.

On April 30, 2025, the Bureau of Ocean Management (BOEM) announced a public-comment period to receive input on the 2029 National Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Oil and Gas Leasing Program (2029 Program) that would govern oil and gas leasing in federal waters off the United States coastline, including California. **I strongly oppose any and all oil and gas leasing off the coast of California**, for the reasons stated below.

The issue of oil and gas leasing off the coast of California has been the topic of significant discussion and advocacy over the past several decades. And for good reason; among the impacts that Central Coast residents and the environment have experienced due to such activities is the massive 1969 oil spill off the coast of Santa Barbara (which fouled coastal waters and caused catastrophic environmental as well as economic damage), and the 2015 pipeline burst that polluted the same coastal area, killing and injuring wildlife and impacting commercial and recreational activities.

These and other events raised public awareness of the significant risks associated with offshore oil drilling. Also, as global citizens with a growing understanding of the threats of climate change, great opposition has continued to mount against oil and gas leasing as it will only deepen the state's dependence on fossil fuels and undermine California's efforts to manage climate change and reach its ambitious renewable energy goals.

The West Coast states of the U.S. have consistently opposed offshore oil and gas leasing. In 2014, while I served as the Secretary of Natural Resources, Governor Brown and the governors of Washington and Oregon submitted a letter to then-U.S. Secretary of the Interior, noting the significant impacts that a large oil spill would have on the population, natural resources, recreation, and economies of the West Coast. The governors urged the science-based, national energy policy to invest in energy efficiency and *alternative* renewable energy sources. In a subsequent letter in 2017, the governors of the same states urged the Secretary of the Interior to exclude the West Coast from any oil and gas lease sales in the 2019-2024 Program.

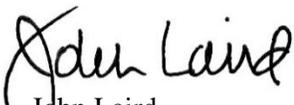
In addition, over the years, at least 65 California cities and counties (including within San Luis Obispo, Monterey, and Santa Cruz counties) have passed resolutions and taken other actions in fierce opposition to offshore oil drilling. These local opposition campaigns represent communities with over 21 million Californians – more than half of the state’s population.

Many of these local jurisdictions did not just pass resolutions, they passed local ballot measures that prohibited zoning for on-shore support facilities for offshore oil activities without a vote of the people. Such ordinances are still in effect for 27 California cities and counties. The ballot measure passed in 1985 by the voters in my home city of Santa Cruz, in an election where I was also on the ballot, and garnered 82% of the vote. These ordinances were challenged in federal court, and upheld.

Even more concerning than the 2029 Program proposal to develop offshore oil leases off the California coast is the outrageous suggestion that even within marine sanctuaries, including the Channel Islands and Chumash Heritage sanctuaries, new lease sales for oil and gas exploration and drilling are under consideration. This is a flagrant violation of federal law, which specifically provides that such activities are not allowed on the “outer Continental Shelf within the exterior boundaries of any unit of the National Park System, National Wildlife Refuge System, or the National Marine Sanctuary System, or any National Monument.” (Energy Policy Act of 2005, Sec. 388 (10). Indeed, federal regulations prohibit multiple activities within national marine sanctuaries, including “new offshore oil and gas exploration, development, and production.” (15 C.F.R. Sec. 922.232).

I urge your opposition to any oil and gas leasing off of the California Central Coast, and beyond. The risk of environmental and economic catastrophe, as well as the fact this takes our nation in exactly the wrong direction in managing climate change, renders this proposal wholly contrary to the best interests of the state and nation. And consideration of any such leasing within any national marine sanctuary is not only contrary to federal law, it’s offensive to those who strived for years, and with the support of hundreds of thousands of people, to ensure the permanent protection of these unique regions with ecologically rich, beautiful, and commercially important marine resources.

Sincerely,



John Laird  
State Senator, 17<sup>th</sup> District

cc: US Senator Alex Padilla  
US Senator Adam Schiff  
US Representative Salud Carbajal  
US Representative Jimmy Panetta  
Northern Chumash Tribal Council  
CA Central Coast National Marine Sanctuaries  
Senator Monique Limon  
Assemblymember Dawn Addis  
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**From:** [Board Of Supervisors](#)  
**To:** [Jesseka Rodriguez](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Public Comment Time at Board Meetings  
**Date:** Friday, May 9, 2025 2:15:05 PM

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**From:** Steve Homan [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 29, 2025 4:03:58 PM  
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**Subject:** Public Comment Time at Board Meetings

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Dear Members of the Board of Supervisors,

I am sorry I was not given an opportunity to speak to you early on today, during the public comment period.

When a large group of people are present to speak, not everyone can wait until the members of the group are done.

I do support the concerns of the SEIU regarding the Health Services Agency, but I am 75 years of age, and I did happen to have a doctor's appoint later Tuesday morning.

Also, in my case, arthritis prevents me from standing in line for and extended period of time.

In addition, it was my impression that people who wish to speak should not start lining up to speak until invited to do so by the Chairperson of the Board.

What happened today gives an advantage to those who can stand for a long period of time, and to members of a large group.

May I suggest a change in the meeting rules, so that people who are disabled and those who are over 65 years of age be given the first opportunity to speak, followed by the remaining persons and large groups?

Thank you for considering this.

Very truly,

Stephen D. Homan, REHS#3784, B.S.  
Consulting Reg. Env. Health Specialist

**From:** [Board Of Supervisors](#)  
**To:** [Jesseka Rodriguez](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Shits compounding and not going away.  
**Date:** Tuesday, May 13, 2025 12:54:42 PM

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**From:** philT monx [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, May 10, 2025 9:00 PM  
**To:** James Dyer <James.Dyer@santacruzcountyca.gov>  
**Cc:** Julie Ruhlin <Julie.Ruhlin@oirgroup.com>; Patrick Dimick <Patrick.Dimick@santacruzcountyca.gov>; Fraud@DHCS <Fraud@dhcs.ca.gov>; county council@santacruz.us; Shelly Vomvolakis <Shelly.Vomvolakis@santacruzcountyca.gov>; Board Of Supervisors <boardofsupervisors@santacruzcountyca.gov>  
**Subject:** Shits compounding and not going away.

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Hey pat fuck your mother hope she dies and is threatened like you thought was cute to Subject me to.

I do do the dick in the ass games.. that's for your fancy age cops who play dick grabbing games in the shower..

Be assured your also clearly not competent enough to figure out how large that HIPPA breach is compounding...

Every contact and reminder of your federally mandated obligations...

Your going burn your whole manual budget stupids.

**From:** [Board Of Supervisors](#)  
**To:** [Jesseka Rodriguez](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: 620175 for complaint submitted to Office for Civil Rights  
**Date:** Friday, May 9, 2025 2:24:04 PM

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**From:** philT monx <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 2, 2025 11:15 AM  
**To:** Board Of Supervisors <boardofsupervisors@santacruzcountyca.gov>; First District <First.District@santacruzcountyca.gov>; James Dyer <James.Dyer@santacruzcountyca.gov>; Patrick Dimick <Patrick.Dimick@santacruzcountyca.gov>; Chris Clark <Chris.Clark@santacruzcountyca.gov>; Julie Ruhlin <Julie.Ruhlin@oirgroup.com>  
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You had better act fast and assure your liable employees aren't endangering more innocent civilians

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**Date:** Fri, May 2, 2025, 11:08 AM  
**Subject:** 620175 for complaint submitted to Office for Civil Rights  
**To:** <[REDACTED]>

**620175**

Thank you for contacting the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office for Civil Rights (OCR). OCR enforces federal civil rights laws which prohibit discrimination in the delivery of health and human services based on race, color, national origin, disability, age, sex, religion, and the exercise of conscience, and also enforces the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) Privacy, Security and Breach Notification Rules.

**Please do not fax, email, or mail a copy of this complaint to us as that may delay the processing of your complaint.**

If you have any additional questions or need a reasonable accommodation, please contact

OCR's Customer Response Center at 1-800-368-1019, Monday through Friday, 8:00 am to 6:00 pm, ET.

**From:** [Board Of Supervisors](#)  
**To:** [Jesseka Rodriguez](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Lithium Battery Storage Sites  
**Date:** Friday, May 9, 2025 2:19:24 PM

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**From:** Scott Gritton [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 30, 2025 3:20:55 PM  
**To:** Board Of Supervisors <boardofsupervisors@santacruzcountyca.gov>  
**Subject:** Lithium Battery Storage Sites

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Good Afternoon,

I have been reading about the possible approval of new lithium battery storage sites in Santa Cruz County, specifically sites near Dominican Hospital and Aptos High School.

At first I was disbelieving that any responsible public official would, after the disastrous lithium battery fire in Moss Landing, ever consider voting to permit the construction and operation of such dangerous commercial sites anywhere near a hospital or a school; But unfortunately, I have been reading about the possibility of such a permit being authorized by the Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors.

If this is so, I strongly urge the Supervisors to roundly reject these applications in consideration of the obvious dangers that these facilities would pose to the proposed location sites – I mean, for God’s sake, a *hospital and a school!* – and to also use the inherent powers of the Board to insure that there will be no further chance of one of these facilities ever being operated near such sensitive sites.

One of the reasons that you were voted into office was to protect your constituents’ rights. Please act accordingly.

Sincerely yours,  
Scott Gritton

Aptos, California

**From:** [Board Of Supervisors](#)  
**To:** [Jesseka Rodriguez](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: 9211 E. Zayante Road, APN: 074-152-30  
**Date:** Friday, May 9, 2025 2:36:38 PM

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**From:** Steve Homan [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 6, 2025 1:53 AM  
**To:** Board Of Supervisors <boardofsupervisors@santacruzcountyca.gov>; Carlos Palacios <Carlos.Palacios@santacruzcountyca.gov>  
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**Subject:** [REDACTED] E. Zayante Road, [REDACTED]

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Dear Members of the Board of Supervisors and County Executive Officer Palacios,

I really dislike injustice, and I am sure you do as well.

I helped 50 CZU Fire families at no charge, because they were being treated unjustly with requirements demanded of them that were outside of the County Sewage Disposal Ordinance.

The same thing has happened to my client, Mr. Faulkner. However, it started happening at the County Environmental Health Service (EHS), starting in 2016, 4 years before the CZU Fire. However, the same law that applies to CZU Fire families applies to his circumstance. He applied for a catastrophic loss septic repair permit prior to the ten year statutory limit, in 2016.

Each member of your Board has received an individual email from me covering the timeline of my client's over eight years of delay by the County EHS Management.

**Section 7.38.080(D) of the Sewage Disposal Ordinance states this:**

**(D) Reconstruction of any legal structure partially or wholly destroyed by fire, flood, land movement, other natural calamity, or any other calamity beyond the control of the owner of such structure will not be considered new development for the purposes of this chapter if all of the following conditions are met:**

**(The section goes on to recite some reasonable conditions of approval.)**

The EHS Management improperly tried to treat my client's application as an Upgrade or a

New Construction application, when it was no such thing. The improper reason appears to be an attempt to trigger New Construction Septic Standards, when by ordinance Repair Standards actually apply.

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My client has been run around, delayed, had his application sent to the Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (CC-RWQCB), where no action was taken for two years, and he has had his finances squandered by the unreasonable requirements improperly imposed on his application by the EHS Management.

I am certain that the current management of the County Environmental Health Service knows that there has been a terrible injustice, but the Director of EHS and the Director of the HSA have both failed to act. In fact, they have not agreed to meet with me and my client, after several requests.

I know of no applicant who has ever been required to do so much to satisfy the requirements of this simple ordinance section. Over 8 years, my client has spent over \$25,000 trying to obtain a simple catastrophic loss septic tank repair permit to replace a burned building with a modest two-bedroom home. He has paid for test holes to be both dug and drilled. He has waited for 2 years for enough rainfall to conduct a rainy season ground water test by a private consulting REHS. He also paid for a percolation test by a private consulting REHS. He has paid for an unnecessary special septic design by a Geologist, which was submitted to the CC-RWQCB. He has endured a two-year delay by the CC-RWQCB.

All of these tests and submittals had satisfactory results. However, his application was required to be sent to the CC-RWQCB by EHS Management, because the EHS could not get its act together on the revised LAMP Sewage Ordinance for a decade. The application languished at the CC-RWQCB for two years. My client has paid permit application fees to both the County and the CC-RWQCB. The CC-RWQCB eventually refunded his fees, although they never apologized for delaying him two years for no reason. It turned out that the EHS Management had improperly instructed the CC-RWQCB in writing to take no action on his application, by means of comments made on an emailed spreadsheet sent to their staff.

My client did not deserve this. No one does. This injustice, this farce, has to end. WHEN? Who will step up and do the right thing? My client deserves approval for his proposal to replace a bar, pool hall, restaurant, and public swimming pool with a modest two bedroom home. The neighbors support this concept and have signed a petition endorsing it. The County's General Plan calls for residential use of this site. Minimum lot size requirements do not pertain to catastrophic loss replacement structures and their septic tank repair systems. My client is working with Planning regarding a zoning change to conform to the General Plan, a change that is state law mandated and long overdue.

Who will make the right decision? My client's permit application has not been approved. It remains in limbo. He has falsely been told that his permit application had expired. However, by County Ordinance, Septic Permit applications can never expire until 24 months after they are issued, and only then if the applicant has not made use of the permit. That is the law!

The EHS Management is made up of different people now. Given the facts, the proper decision should be made.

Very truly,

Stephen D. Homan, REHS#3784, B.S.  
Consulting Reg. Env. Health Specialist

**From:** [Caitlin Smith](#)  
**To:** [Jesseka Rodriguez](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Mishandling of public records request  
**Date:** Tuesday, April 29, 2025 2:19:39 PM

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**From:** YoonMi Cho [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, April 28, 2025 10:46 AM  
**To:** Board Of Supervisors <boardofsupervisors@santacruzcountyca.gov>  
**Subject:** Mishandling of public records request

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My file: Santa Cruz-512

To: **Manu Koenig**, Supervisor for District 1, **Kimberly De Serpa**, Supervisor for District 2, **Justin Cummings**, Supervisor for District 3, **Felipe Hernandez**, Supervisor for District 4, and **Monica Martinez**, Supervisor for District 5

I would like your assistance regarding violation of my civil right to obtain election records pursuant to California Constitution Article 1, Section 3(b).

On **December 18, 2024**, I requested non-exempt public election records. All of the records I requested were created during the election and must be retained for 22 months. California Voting System Standards, Section 2.1.5.1(n) requires that the electronic records be exported after the election. I should have received these records promptly after making my request. But instead I have had to contend with various problems:

- Sending the request to junk mail despite notice in the subject line that I was making a California Public Records Request
- Incorrectly stating that the request sent on December 18, 2024 was received February 5, 2025 and then later referring to the request as “the request dated February 14, 2025.
- Claiming a right to a 14-day extension without grounds for doing so when all of the record requested were created during the election and were in the County’s custody

and control.

- Citing numerous legal authorities that have no application whatever to my requests.
- Demanding unspecified payment for a “custom report” when I asked only for the records that by law must be created during the election and exported at the end of the election.
- Closing the file without releasing the electronic records after acknowledging that “The County did not locate any exempt records”.

*At no time did the Registrar of Voters assert any basis for claiming exemption to any of my requests.*

All electronic voting systems used in California generate the logs. These logs are created during the election and exported at the end of the election, as required by California Voting System Standard §2.1.5.1(n).

California Voting System Standard 2.1.5.1 also says:

“h. Voting systems **shall** store logs in a publicly documented log format, such as XML, or include a utility to export the logs into a publicly documented format for off-system viewing. . . .

All of the records I requested were created during the election. The cast vote records, audit logs, and system logs must be exported after the election. I have provided an upload site to transfer these records. Some counties have transferred them through Google Docs, or SoCoCloud. There are many other free web based record management programs used to transfer large files.

Under California law, a public agency cannot charge for redacting records, or transferring electronic records. An agency can charge of compiling new records from multiple sources, but none of my requests requires this.

Yoon Mi Cho

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YoonMi Cho

**From:** [Board Of Supervisors](#)  
**To:** [Jesseka Rodriguez](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Moran Lake Monarch Habitat Updates  
**Date:** Friday, May 9, 2025 2:26:03 PM  
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**From:** paige gordon <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 2, 2025 8:49 AM  
**To:** Robert Tidmore <Robert.Tidmore@santacruzcountyca.gov>  
**Cc:** Rebecca Hurley <Rebecca.Hurley@santacruzcountyca.gov>; Carolyn Burke <Carolyn.Burke@santacruzcountyca.gov>; Beatriz Barranco <Beatriz.Barranco@santacruzcountyca.gov>; First District <First.District@santacruzcountyca.gov>; Tiffany Martinez <Tiffany.Martinez@santacruzcountyca.gov>; Manu Koenig <Manu.Koenig@santacruzcountyca.gov>; Justin Cummings <Justin.Cummings@santacruzcountyca.gov>; Board Of Supervisors <boardofsupervisors@santacruzcountyca.gov>; Jesse Williams <Jesse.Williams@santacruzcountyca.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: Moran Lake Monarch Habitat Updates

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Dear Robert,

I am writing to formally raise significant safety concerns regarding Lewis Tree Service, particularly given their upcoming proposed tree work around Moran Lake. Last Winter and Spring, I have personally witnessed multiple serious safety violations by Lewis Tree employees, incidents which pose real questions about their fitness to carry out further work for the County Parks department.

Specifically, I would like to highlight the following incidents:

- **February 14, 2024:** I alerted the Parks Department about Lewis Tree employees conducting tree removal in an unsafe manner. While Parks responded and assured me their supervisor indicated protocols were followed, the supervisor did not physically

come to inspect the site or processes.

- **February 15, 2024:** Lewis Tree continued to improperly fell trees. They improperly fell a tree from its base without appropriate segmenting. The tree fell across East Cliff Drive, downed a telephone pole, and dangerously involved live electrical wires. Shockingly, Lewis workers then proceeded to cut the downed tree branches despite the wires remaining live. Neighbors had to call 911. I urgently alerted the Parks Department and personally moved my car to block the walking path for public safety until Parks employees arrived.
- **February 17, 2024:** I again informed Parks about unsafe and sloppy work practices, providing clear video evidence (attached) of a large branch improperly left dangling, causing another tree to become destabilized, creating a hazardous situation near my property.
- **April 3, 2024:** I reported Lewis employees using their excavator dangerously, relying solely on hydraulic mechanisms to lift a tree base while exiting the cab with the machinery still active—a major OSHA violation.( attached)

These repeated incidents highlight an ongoing pattern of safety negligence by Lewis Tree Service. Frankly, I am growing weary of continually foreshadowing potential catastrophes and highlighting safety risks, only to see minimal or no corrective actions taken.

Given these alarming and consistent safety violations, I have serious concerns and questions about the decision to award Lewis Tree the upcoming contract for the Moran Lake tree trimming. I firmly believe the Board of Supervisors should thoroughly examine and address these documented safety issues before approving any further contracts to Lewis Tree Service:

1. How was Lewis Tree Service selected for this contract, especially in light of their documented safety lapses?
2. Has Lewis Tree Service provided assurances or evidence to County Parks that they have addressed and corrected their safety procedures since these incidents?
3. Is the Board of Supervisors fully informed about these repeated safety breaches by Lewis Tree Service before approving any further contracts?
4. Are there specific county codes or guidelines concerning awarding contracts to companies with a documented history of safety violations?

I've been requesting clarity on the process by which Lewis Tree continues to secure these contracts with Parks for approximately four years without receiving satisfactory answers. Given the gravity of these incidents, it is crucial that transparency, accountability, and public safety be prioritized.

I urge County Parks and the Board of Supervisors to thoroughly reassess the selection of Lewis Tree Service for this work and ensure comprehensive safety measures are unequivocally in place before any further work is conducted.

Thank you for your immediate attention to this urgent matter.

Respectfully,

Paige Gordon



Santa Cruz Ca 95062

On Thu, May 1, 2025 at 5:13 PM Robert Tidmore <[Robert.Tidmore@santacruzcountyca.gov](mailto:Robert.Tidmore@santacruzcountyca.gov)> wrote:

Dear Moran Lake County Park Neighbors, Interested Residents, and Stakeholders,

We are excited to share several updates on management of the monarch butterfly habitat around Moran Lake County Park below. As many of you know, County Parks, in partnership with the Santa Cruz County Sanitation District, is updating the 2010 Moran Lake Monarch Butterfly Habitat Management Plan (MBMHP) to reflect the latest science and guidance on overwintering monarch habitat. The plan will be used to guide management activities in the park. A community meeting to review a draft of the updated MBHMP was held in July 2024 and public comments were taken on the plan through the end of August. Many of the comments requested that the MBHMP include a greater focus on tree management to protect public safety and prevent tree failures, and a better understanding of the relationship between tree height and monarch habitat protection.

In response to community feedback, the team completed a wind study in April 2025. The goal of the wind study was to identify tree management strategies that could reduce the risk of tree failure while protecting monarch habitat. The wind study analyzed how the existing tree canopy surrounding the Lode Street Facility and Moran Lake County Park protects the Monarch overwintering habitat from wind impacts, and how those conditions would change under various tree management scenarios. The wind study found that the tree canopy surrounding Moran Lake (areas A1, A2, B, and C in the graphic below) could be removed or reduced in height without impacting overwintering habitat, and that trees within the critical windbreak along Placer Street (area H in the graphic below) could be reduced to an 80-foot-height without impacting overwintering habitat. The consultant team is working on an additional analysis to determine whether selective trees in the critical windbreak could be removed to allow for replanting of a better-suited species and a phased replacement of the blue gum eucalyptus in this area over the long-term.

[Link: Draft Wind Study - Moran Lake Monarch Butterfly Habitat and Tree Management Assessment April 2025](#)

Figure 5 Monarch Butterfly Roost and Windbreak Areas



**A community meeting to present the findings of the wind study will be held at 5:30pm on Tuesday, June 24, 2025 at the Live Oak Community Center, 979 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Santa Cruz.** After the community meeting, and based on community input, the project team will incorporate the wind study into the updated MBHMP in Summer 2025.

Based on the wind study data, County Parks is planning to conduct trimming of all the trees along the north and west banks of Moran Lake (North and South Lakeside, areas B and C) to reduce their overall height by roughly one-third as well as removal of the remaining trees on the 40 Moran Way Parcel (area A1) starting May 15, 2025. This work is expected to improve public safety and reduce the risk of tree failure while protecting the long-term viability of monarch habitat. A contract with Lewis Tree Service to conduct the work will be taken to the Board of Supervisors for approval on May 6, 2025. The upcoming tree work is science-based and is part of our ongoing efforts to manage monarch habitat at Moran Lake and increase climate resilience of this neighborhood treasure. Any trees removed will be replaced with native tree species that support local biodiversity and monarch habitat. Replacement tree planting will happen in Fall 2025

after the onset of winter rains.

The County is working with a finite budget for tree management and is proposing to prioritize trimming of the trees in the North and South Lakeside areas (areas B and C) and removal of the remaining trees on the 40 Moran Way parcel (area A1) because trees in those areas are closest to recent failures in February 2024 or have been recommended for trimming or removal by the County's consulting arborist. The critical windbreak along Placer Street (area H) is not included in this summer's tree management work because many of the trees in this area were trimmed by the Sanitation District in Summer 2024. Additional tree management work is planned for next summer and is expected to include the Placer Street edge. The southeast groves (area A2) are not included in this summer's tree management work because many of the trees are on private property.

County Parks' proposed long-term plan for Moran Lake County Park is to eventually phase-out the non-native blue gum eucalyptus trees that surround Moran Lake and replace them with more suitable native tree species that support native biodiversity, enhance riparian habitat in addition to monarch habitat, are resilient to climate change, and do not grow as tall as the blue gum eucalyptus. The eucalyptus grove surrounding the Sanitation District where the monarchs overwinter is much more sensitive to disruption and will not be modified. To support the proposed long-term transition away from eucalyptus, County Parks hosted a volunteer tree planting day on December 7, 2024. Approximately 30 volunteers helped to plant 64 native trees (53 Monterey Cypress and 11 White Alders). The trees were planted along the north and southeast banks of Moran Lake, in areas identified for tree planting in the Monarch Habitat Management Plan. Additional native trees will be planted this fall and in future years.

The July 2024 draft update of the Moran Lake Monarch Butterfly Habitat Management Plan can be viewed or downloaded below:

- [\*Draft 2024 Moran Lake Monarch Butterfly Habitat Management Plan \(no appendices\)\*](#)
- [\*Draft 2024 Moran Lake Monarch Butterfly Habitat Management Plan with appendices\*](#)

**We hope to see you at our upcoming community meeting on Tuesday, June 24<sup>th</sup>!**

**Rob Tidmore** (he/him)

Principal Planner

Santa Cruz County Parks

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# Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors Proclamation

## HONORING ALEX TRASK

WHEREAS, the mission of the Queer Youth Leadership Awards is to improve the lives of LGBTQ+ youth in our community by increasing positive awareness of queer youth leadership and increasing safe and welcoming environments at home, at school, and in the community; and

WHEREAS, the Queer Youth Leadership Award is given annually to queer youth who are 12 to 18 years of age to acknowledge their accomplishments and the contributions they have made to their communities, whether in their homes, schools, religious institutions, athletic or academic teams, or other social groups; and

WHEREAS, Alex Trask, a student at Delta Charter High School, has transformed the adversity and discrimination they've encountered into a powerful force for change—stepping into leadership roles, showing remarkable selflessness and kindness, and working to make Delta High a more inclusive environment; and

WHEREAS, Alex is a committed member of the Queer Straight Alliance (QSA), engaging younger students through a pen pal program with their "little buddy" at New Brighton Middle School, and taking the initiative to create kid-friendly versions of laws and education codes that support LGBTQ+ youth; and

WHEREAS, as a member of the Queer Student Union (QSU), Alex is leading efforts to assess school climate and access to gender-neutral restrooms, and will present their findings at the upcoming LGBTQ+ Symposium; and

WHEREAS, in 2024, Alex served as Resource Fair Coordinator for the Queer, Trans, and Allied Summit, collaborating with community partners to ensure local youth had access to essential resources such as mental health support and safe sex tools; and

WHEREAS, while pursuing early graduation, Alex still made time to meet with policymakers during Sacramento's Advocacy Day, speak as an LGBTQ+ panelist at the Santa Cruz Library's banned books discussion, participate in Camp Out, and volunteer to inventory the school library's collection; and

WHEREAS, Alex's advocacy, leadership, and unwavering dedication have left a lasting impact on their school, community, and peers, helping to build a more inclusive and informed future for all.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Felipe Hernandez, Chair of the Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors, hereby honor and recognize Alex Trask as a recipient of the 2025 Queer Youth Leadership Award.



  
Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

May 10, 2025

Date

# Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors Proclamation

HONORING CARLOS JOEL GONZÁLEZ

WHEREAS, the mission of the Queer Youth Leadership Awards is to improve the lives of LGBTQ+ youth in our community by increasing positive awareness of queer youth leadership and increasing safe and welcoming environments at home, at school, and in the community; and

WHEREAS, the Queer Youth Leadership Award is given annually to queer youth who are 12 to 18 years of age to acknowledge their accomplishments and the contributions they have made to their communities, whether in their homes, schools, religious institutions, athletic or academic teams, or other social groups; and

WHEREAS, Carlos Joel González began his journey in LGBTQ+ activism in sixth grade by joining Lakeview Middle School's Queer Straight Alliance (QSA), eventually rising to serve as the club's President; and

WHEREAS, now a junior at Watsonville High School, Carlos serves as Co-president of the Gay Straight Alliance club and as a PRISM leader, mentoring both middle and high school students throughout the Watsonville community; and

WHEREAS, by openly sharing his experiences as a bisexual Latino youth, Carlos has played a vital role in fostering a more inclusive, empathetic, and open-minded environment for his peers; and

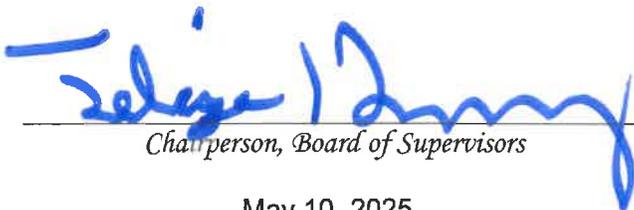
WHEREAS, Carlos is also a gifted performer who is well known in the local musical theater community, having starred not only in Watsonville High School productions but also in major roles in Cabrillo College's *In the Heights*, *Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street*, and *SpongeBob: The Musical*, as well as the All About Theater production of *Hadestown*; and

WHEREAS, Carlos has been an enthusiastic supporter of the Queer Youth Leadership Awards, including performing a heartfelt rendition of Frank Sinatra's *My Way* at last year's event; and

WHEREAS, Carlos's courage, leadership, and commitment to creating safe and supportive spaces have left a meaningful and lasting impact on his peers and the broader community.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Felipe Hernandez, Chair of the Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors, hereby honor and recognize Carlos Joel González as a recipient of the 2025 Queer Youth Leadership Award.



  
Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

May 10, 2025

Date

# Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors Proclamation

PROCLAIMING MAY 2025 AS  
CALFRESH AWARENESS MONTH IN THE COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ

WHEREAS, CalFresh, federally known as the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), champions the health and well-being of low-income individuals and families across Santa Cruz County by helping to mitigate food insecurity via the issuance of monthly electronic benefits that can be used to buy nutritious foods at many markets and food stores; and

WHEREAS, Santa Cruz County is home to 262,406 people, where the Human Services Department administered CalFresh benefits, supports and related services to 41,765 community members experiencing food insecurity last fiscal year, which totals one fifth of all Santa Cruz County residents and included 13,782 children and approximately 4,600 seniors ages 65 and older; and

WHEREAS, In March 2025, the average monthly benefit amount for CalFresh recipients was \$293, with \$6,537,620 in CalFresh funds spent in local food retail stores, underscoring not only the importance of CalFresh food assistance to the ability of eligible recipients in need to access nutritious food, but also of the immense impact CalFresh has on the local food retail economy; and

WHEREAS, the Human Services Department works with valuable state and community partners to expand the reach of CalFresh for community members most in need, to educate residents and remove the barriers that discourage eligible households from accessing CalFresh nutritional benefits, and is providing essential support to help state-wide efforts to prevent fraud; and

WHEREAS, not only are current CalFresh benefits recipients impacted by existing economic hardships, but they face further potential barriers to mitigating food insecurity should current Congressional SNAP spending and eligibility policy proposals be approved later this year by the federal government, which could result in the loss of benefits to approximately 6,500 recipients, a potential benefit amount reduction of \$100 per month per household, and a likely \$2,205,378 decrease on SNAP redemption per month in local food retail stores; and

WHEREAS, with this proclamation, the County of Santa Cruz reiterates its opposition to federal funding cuts to safety net programs as adopted by Board of Supervisors resolution on May 6, 2025, and in particular the importance of continued federal funding of SNAP, and recognizes the important role CalFresh plays in ending food insecurity and improving the health and well-being of low-income individuals and families across Santa Cruz County.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Felipe Hernandez, Chair of the Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors, hereby proclaim the month of May 2025 as CalFresh Awareness Month in the County of Santa Cruz, and urge all community members to join the Human Services Department's efforts to raise awareness of the importance of CalFresh in ending hunger.



  
Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

May 12, 2025

Date

# Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors Proclamation

HONORING ALEXANDRA MORAIRTY  
SCOTTS VALLEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
2024 YOUTH OF THE YEAR

WHEREAS, Alexandra Morairty, a senior at Scotts Valley High School has been selected as the Scotts Valley Chamber of Commerce's 2024 Youth of the Year for distinguishing herself as an exceptional young leader committed to academic excellence and civic engagement; and

WHEREAS, as Associated Student Body President, Alexandra leads over thirty student government members in planning student activities, promoting school spirit, and representing the student body; and

WHEREAS, as a member of the Scotts Valley High School (SVHS) 25th Anniversary Planning Team, she helped organize important school events, including the Homecoming Parade and the Athletics Fair during SOAR Days, thereby enhancing school pride and community involvement; and

WHEREAS, in her role as Director of Community Service, Alexandra spearheaded the 2023 blood drive and the 2023–2024 winter coat and blanket drive, providing critical support to individuals and families in need, and as Director of Outreach she assisted with Culture Week and the SVHS Haunted House; and

WHEREAS, Alexandra is the daughter of Sharon Willey, who is being honored as Scotts Valley's 2024 Woman of the Year, carrying on a family tradition of service and leadership; and

WHEREAS, Alexandra's exemplary leadership, dedication, and volunteer service reflect the highest ideals of youth citizenship and community spirit, and her accomplishments bring great honor to her school and community.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Monica Martinez, Santa Cruz County Fifth District Supervisor, do hereby recognize and commend Alexandra Morairty for being the Scotts Valley Chamber of Commerce's 2024 Youth of the Year, and encourage the residents of Scotts Valley to join me in acknowledging her many accomplishments.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. Martinez", is written over a horizontal line.

*Member, Board of Supervisors*

May 9, 2025

*Date*

# Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors Proclamation

HONORING CHLOE GRAHAM  
SCOTTS VALLEY POLICE DEPARTMENT  
2024 EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR

WHEREAS, In every organization, there are individuals whose quiet dedication, leadership, and hard work elevate those around them and strengthen the very foundation of the institution, and this year, the Scotts Valley Police Department proudly recognizes Services Supervisor Chloe Graham as Employee of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Supervisor Graham has distinguished herself not only through her exceptional performance but also through a genuine commitment to the department's mission by taking on a dynamic and evolving role—transforming key operational areas through innovation, precision, and a deep sense of responsibility; and

WHEREAS, her efforts have introduced greater accuracy, compliance, and efficiency by verifying data integrity to streamlining processes, thus ensuring that vital information is reported and maintained to the highest standard; and

WHEREAS, Supervisor Graham has also taken a leading role in preparing the department for the future by collaborating with the California Office of Emergency Services to identify and implement a NEXTGEN 911 solution and navigating complex systems with both technical expertise and strategic foresight; and

WHEREAS, Supervisor Graham has mentored incoming dispatchers and supported a strong Dispatcher Training Program, providing guidance and unwavering support to shape a confident, capable team.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Monica Martinez, Santa Cruz County Fifth District Supervisor, do hereby congratulate Services Supervisor Chloe Graham on being named the 2024 Police Employee of the Year and encourage the residents of Scotts Valley to join me in acknowledging her many accomplishments.



  
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*Member, Board of Supervisors*

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May 7, 2025

*Date*

# Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors Proclamation

HONORING DAYNA NEDNEY  
SCOTTS VALLEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
2024 EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR

WHEREAS, Dayna Nedney has dedicated 23 years to teaching in the Humanities Department at Scotts Valley High School, beginning her journey as a student teacher at SVHS; and

WHEREAS, throughout her tenure, she has inspired hundreds of students to achieve academic excellence and develop into thoughtful, engaged leaders; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Nedney is known for her dynamic teaching style and commitment to creating an engaging, participatory learning environment that encourages critical thinking and intellectual growth; and

WHEREAS, she teaches International Baccalaureate (IB) courses, helping students refine their analytical, written, and verbal communication skills to succeed in both academic and real-world settings; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her classroom responsibilities, Ms. Nedney also leads independent study courses in history, further extending her impact on students who benefit from personalized academic instruction and mentorship; and

WHEREAS, her unwavering dedication to student success and academic excellence has made her a cherished educator and a valued member of the SVHS community.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Monica Martinez, Santa Cruz County Fifth District Supervisor, do hereby recognize and honor Dayna Nedney as the Scotts Valley Chamber of Commerce's 2024 Educator of the Year, and encourage residents of Scotts Valley to join me in acknowledging her many accomplishments.



  
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*Member, Board of Supervisors*

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May 9, 2025

*Date*

**From:** [Michael O'Connor](#)  
**To:** [Board Of Supervisors](#)  
**Subject:** Letter of support for MHCAN  
**Date:** Thursday, May 1, 2025 11:08:51 AM  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)

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May 1, 2025

Dear SC Board of Supervisors,

Chronic mental illnesses like depression and schizophrenia are often characterized by isolation, and the greatest suffering is felt in solitude.

As I care for patients with this exact situation, I know the impact of MHCAN.

To put it simply, it keeps people out of the emergency room and out of the hospital.

Just to give a rough view of the kind of support provided there, here are a few groups from the April Calendar of MHCAN;

- Schizophrenia support group
- Bipolar support group
- Peer Incarceration Trauma support group
- Anxiety and depression group
- AA meetings
- NA meetings

Will it save money to shutter this low threshold drop-in center for the most vulnerable (and let's face it, voiceless) community members of Santa Cruz?

Of course!

It will save money; in the same way it would save money not to do cancer screenings like colonoscopy or mammogram. These are costly routine procedures. Obviously, the price would be paid further down the road with chemo and radiation and funeral expenses.

It will save money in the same way it would save money to stop providing electricity to the traffic lights. That cost will be completely absorbed by the tow companies and ambulances.

It will save money in the same way that discontinuing house repairs like roof leaks would save money. Damage to the house may be significant, but hey, look at all the money we

saved on that roof!

There is an automatic shutoff safety valve for homes that use gas for heating and/or cooking. Most homeowners likely don't even know it's there. It's not free, it would save money to stop requiring its use. However, it is wise to want to prevent worse outcomes.

People who are suffering from the comorbidities of; often multiple psychiatric diagnoses, and homelessness, and physical health problems, are not going to disappear.

MHCAN has served, whether we realize it or not, as a safety valve for the Santa Cruz community.

To remove such a feature is, unwise.

Michael O'Connor, PMHNP

HSA Santa Cruz County



Santa Cruz CA 95060



**From:** [Michael O'Connor](#)  
**To:** [Board Of Supervisors](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Letter of support for MHCAN  
**Date:** Thursday, May 1, 2025 12:05:23 PM

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PS,

I meant to include “Thank you” for all you do to care for the County.

And although I often use sarcasm, I truly mean that genuinely. It can't be easy in these times, and I never really liked the “us vs them” dichotomy, I'm sure you are feeling stress as well as the rest of us.

Sincerely  
Michael O'Connor

**From:** paul  
**To:** [Board Of Supervisors](#)  
**Subject:** Budget  
**Date:** Monday, May 5, 2025 8:49:29 AM

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

Please restore funding for MHCAN in the County budget for this year.

It is a small amount to pay for this extremely important and effective organization that helps so many people to reconstruct their lives after (or before) a debilitating mental health crisis. Think how much more it will cost our community if people don't have this lifeline, they will end up in the emergency room or in jail increasing costs to the county overall.

Sincerely,  
Paul Andrade

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Thanks so much!

**From:** [Michael Arenson](#)  
**To:** [Board Of Supervisors](#)  
**Subject:** Fund MHCAN  
**Date:** Friday, May 2, 2025 5:09:26 PM

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This is a critically important resource in Santa Cruz, the services that they provide and the duration it's been here. Please find a way to fund this organization. Thank you  
Michael Arenson

**From:** [Susan Kohen](#)  
**To:** [Justin Cummings](#); [Board Of Supervisors](#)  
**Subject:** Fund MHCAN  
**Date:** Monday, May 5, 2025 4:00:36 PM

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Dear Supervisor Cummings and other Supervisors,

Please restore funding for MHCAN in the County budget for this year.

MHCAN is an extremely important and effective organization that helps so many people to reconstruct their lives after (or before) a debilitating mental health crisis. Think how much more it will cost our community if people don't have this lifeline and have to go to the emergency room, or even worse, to the main jail instead. As you know, if they end up in jail, they may be held there for months and even years awaiting trial with no prospect of getting what is needed for recovery and healing.

Please do everything possible - that does not entail taking funds from other critical county programs that are providing essential services for your community - and keep this program alive.

Sincerely,  
Susan Kohen  
District 3

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Susan Kohen  
she/her/her

*"When we are taught that safety lies always with sameness, then difference, of any kind, will appear as a threat. When we choose to love we choose to move against fear - against alienation and separation. The choice to love is a choice to connect - to find ourselves in the other. "* bell hooks- all about love

**From:** [Lin Florinda Colavin](#)  
**To:** [Board Of Supervisors](#)  
**Subject:** FUNDING CUTS TO MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES  
**Date:** Monday, May 5, 2025 1:10:25 PM

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Dear Board of Supervisors;

Please find a way to fund MHCAN and the other mental health services that are proposed to be cut. MHCAN provides much needed services to out most vulnerable population in Santa Cruz . I live close to MHCAN and I deeply appreciate that it is part of my neighborhood, because I can see that it serves community members who really need and use its services.

THANK YOU for all the time , effort, skill you bring to your work as County Supervisors. This is demanding and difficult work.

THANK YOU for being willing to take it on, especially now!!!!

in this very uncertain chaotic time we are living in. please find the funding to continue much needed mental health services : services such as MHCAN and mental health services both contract and county. These services are needed more than ever right now. i know the county has been hit hard, but please find a way to provide these services. I believe that you will find a way to keep these vital services.

Sincerely,

Lin Florinda Colavin

[REDACTED] SC, 95062

Board Member NAMI SCC

**From:** [Nita nita](#)  
**To:** [Board Of Supervisors](#)  
**Subject:** Funding MHCAN  
**Date:** Wednesday, May 7, 2025 7:57:48 PM

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Dear Supervisors,

Please restore funding for MHCAN in the County budget for this year. It is a small amount to pay for this extremely important and effective organization that helps so many people to reconstruct their lives after (or before) a debilitating mental health crisis. Think how much more it will cost our community if people don't have this lifeline and have to go to the emergency room or to jail instead.

Sincerely,  
Nita Hertel

**From:** [Lacey Sverev](#)  
**To:** [Board Of Supervisors](#)  
**Date:** Monday, May 5, 2025 7:13:40 AM

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Dear Supervisors,

I'm not sure which district I'm in, so I'm writing all of you.

Please restore funding for MHCAN in the County budget for this year.

It is a small amount to pay for this extremely important and effective organization that helps so many people to reconstruct their lives after (or before) a debilitating mental health crisis. Think how much more it will cost our community if people don't have this lifeline, they will end up in the emergency room or in jail increasing costs to the county overall.

Thank you so much for your time and consideration, I appreciate each and every one of you.

Sincerely,

Lacey Sverev, [REDACTED] Santa Cruz CA 95060

**From:** [caryn@ebold.com](mailto:caryn@ebold.com)  
**To:** [Board Of Supervisors](#)  
**Subject:** MCHAN  
**Date:** Thursday, May 8, 2025 5:17:48 PM

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MCHAN serves a vulnerable population that benefits from their services and hopefully the County will continue funding these valuable programs.

Caryn Simon  
Formerly HOPE Services Marketing and Job Development  
(1998-2008)  
Santa Cruz CA

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**From:** [Cynthia Menezes](#)  
**To:** [Board Of Supervisors](#)  
**Subject:** MHCAN  
**Date:** Friday, May 2, 2025 2:01:09 PM

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I am emailing to ask that you find within the budget the ability to allocate funds to continue services for MHCAN. MHCAN has provided a safe place for me to be during a very difficult time in my life. Most recently my father was placed into hospice and given days to live. TJ was able to coordinate a ride to the Monterey area where my father was and i was able to see him before he passed away. Without the caring of the people and services of MHCAN I believe I may not have made it to see my father before he died.

The environment is safe, clean, friendly, and the staff are very helpful and encouraging. MHCAN provides a computer room where i can update my resume and look for employment, while filling out forms and researching housing and shelter options.

The cooks provide healthy, nourishing meals dailey that i have relied upon.

I ask that your relook at the budget options and please allocate funds to further services to MHCAN and the clients they serve.

Sincerely,

Cynthia Menezes

**From:** [Shauna Gunderson](#)  
**To:** [Board Of Supervisors](#)  
**Subject:** MHCAN  
**Date:** Friday, May 2, 2025 3:37:00 PM

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Dear Supervisor,

Please restore fundin for MHCAN in the County budget for this year.

It is a small amount to pay for his extremely important and effective organizatio that helps so many people.

It will cost much more to our community if people don't have this lifeline and have to go to the ER.

Sincerely,

Shauna Gunderson

**From:** [Wendy Martin](#)  
**To:** [Board Of Supervisors](#)  
**Cc:** [Badillo David](#)  
**Subject:** Mhcan  
**Date:** Monday, May 5, 2025 10:10:34 AM

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Dear Supervisor,

Because of mhcan which I started going to in 2014 my life has changed. The tools I learned attending classes at Mhcan, I use on a daily basis.

I have lived in Santa Cruz my entire life. Third generation Santa Cruz resident.

My name is Wendy, and I'm 57 years old. Among many roles I play in life are— mom, girlfriend, sister, friend, aunt, daughter,artist, and Christian — one of the most significant is being someone living with mental illness.

My journey with mental health began early. At 26, I was diagnosed with what was then known as multiple personality disorder, now called dissociative identity disorder.

My journey continued, and in 2014, Telecare diagnosed me with PTSD and borderline personality disorder during my first visit.

It was at Telecare that I learned of MHCAN and from Telecare I immediately started attending MHCAN

Today, I manage anxiety and depression with daily medication.

Please do not close MHCAN as it is a jewel in Santa Cruz County

Thank you, sincerely Wendy Martin

**From:** [Lynette Mike](#)  
**To:** [Board Of Supervisors](#)  
**Subject:** MHCAN  
**Date:** Wednesday, May 7, 2025 11:48:30 PM

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Board of supervisors of Santa Cruz County,

I urge you to do whatever you can to save this program.

I used to attend Grace Church that was on the same site and had active participation with clients that were in the program and the program was invaluable to the clients that they serve. In this uncertain time we need to take care of and look out for the needs of the most vulnerable population and this is a population that MHCAN serves.

For years it has been a safe space for those with mental health issues and it's a community is a home base for those that may not have a home or those that have no family support system. I urge you to do whatever you can to find the funding to keep this program open.

Respectfully,  
Lynette Mike

**From:** [Karen Scholer](#)  
**To:** [Board Of Supervisors](#)  
**Subject:** Please restore funding for MHCAN  
**Date:** Wednesday, May 7, 2025 9:45:22 AM

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Dear Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors,

Please restore funding for MHCAN in the County budget for this year. It is a small amount to pay for this extremely important and effective organization that helps so many people to reconstruct their lives after (or before) a debilitating mental health crisis. Think how much more it will cost our community if people don't have this lifeline, they will end up in the emergency room or in jail increasing costs to the county overall.

Sincerely,  
Karen Scholer

  
Los Gatos 95033

**From:** [Roland Saher](#)  
**To:** [Board Of Supervisors](#)  
**Subject:** Save MHCAN!  
**Date:** Monday, May 5, 2025 10:23:31 AM

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Dear Members of the Board, I urge you strongly to keep the funding for the MHCAN! Ever since Reagan cut funding for mental health facilities way back in the seventies or eighties, the situation of thousands of people got worse, and we all witnessed much of it in the streets. Do not repeat this mistake!

Respectfully, Roland Saher

**From:** [Karen Kaplan](#)  
**To:** [Board Of Supervisors](#)  
**Subject:** Tues. May 6, 9AM Meeting: Save MHCAN  
**Date:** Monday, May 5, 2025 9:14:53 AM

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Dear Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors:

**RE: Tuesday, May 6 Meeting, 9:00 AM**

County Government Center  
701 Ocean Street, Room 525  
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

Email: [BoardOfSupervisors@santacruzcountyca.gov](mailto:BoardOfSupervisors@santacruzcountyca.gov)

The public may speak for 3 minutes during the "Oral Communications" period. Written communications received **before May 5, 5:00 PM** will be included in the agenda packet.

#### **AGENDA: MHCAN - Mental Health Client Action Network**

**Please save and fund MHCAN.**

**The annual budget for MHCAN to keep operating is @ \$590,000.**

**Mental Health Client Action Network**  
1051 Cayuga Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95062  
(831) 469-0462

**MHCAN** is an organization that provides important and effective support to people who suffer from mental health issues. Many are unhoused and desperately need the services that MHCAN provides.

The Santa Cruz Drop-In Center offers peer support. It is a clean and sober community center that welcomes all people diagnosed with mental health issues such as schizophrenia, bipolar disorder or depression. Addicts and alcoholics are welcome. Amenities include coffee, breakfast, lunch, kitchen use, computer and phone use, transportation, showers, laundry, resources for housing in sober living environments, recovery programs, art and music therapy, and more.

Although I have never been to MHCAN, I have met several people who have benefitted from their services.

MHCAN has relied on county funding for more than 20 years. According to MHCAN Executive Director Tyler Starkman, MHCAN may be forced to close without continued financial support.

If MHCAN closes, where will people with mental illness go?

Putting people in jail or sending them to a hospital would be much more costly!

Thank you for your immediate and urgent consideration to continue funding **MHCAN**.

Sincerely,

Karen Kaplan

Resident of Santa Cruz County Since 1974

**From:** [Board Of Supervisors](#)  
**To:** [Jesseka Rodriguez](#)  
**Subject:** FW: tree safety problem  
**Date:** Tuesday, May 13, 2025 12:57:34 PM

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**From:** Larissa Dahroug <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 11, 2025 1:59 PM  
**To:** calfireutilityfiremitigationunit@fire.ca.gov; Board Of Supervisors <boardofsupervisors@santacruzcountyca.gov>; CA19JP.Outreach@mail.house.gov; Jonathan Cox - Cal Fire <jonathan.cox@fire.ca.gov>; info@ccfd.org; gavin.newsom@gov.ca.gov; Junior Sheriff's Academy <SHF\_JSA@santacruzcountyca.gov>; Kathy.Samms@santacruzcounty.ca.gov; Stephen D. Walpole <swalpole@scottsvally.gov>; info@scottsvally.org  
**Subject:** Fwd: tree safety problem

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Please see forwarded message to PG&E. This is a HUGE problem...also had timber poachers on my property recently and neither Santa Cruz County Sheriff or Scotts Valley PD would come out. I own three parcels. Two are unincorporated (including the parcel with the mailing address and the house). One parcel is Scotts Valley. It is the Scotts Valley parcel that is regularly poached both timbers and animals. As far as I understand this is a Federal offense but neither police department will come out when I call. Both say it's not their jurisdiction. I pay taxes on all three parcels. Why do I pay for anything at all? My cell phone number is [REDACTED]

----- Forwarded message -----

**From:** Larissa Dahroug <[REDACTED]>  
**Date:** Sun, May 11, 2025 at 1:37 PM  
**Subject:** tree safety problem  
**To:** <[treesafety@pge.com](mailto:treesafety@pge.com)>  
**Cc:** Omar Dahroug <[REDACTED]>

Hello.

My husband, Omar, and I own 12.5 acres at [REDACTED], Santa Cruz, CA 95065. When we bought it 7 years ago the property was gravely neglected. We spend tens of thousands of dollars every year in an attempt to care for the property for the safety of ourselves and our neighborhood. We had quarterly work done last week. Our property

line is the Tie Gulch Creek bed. We do not own the road where the power lines are located. There is at least one redwood that needs to be taken down for safety reasons. It is threatening the pole that runs a line to our house and the other houses on the street. My neighbors are horrible. Their property is out of control. I don't even know who owns the property for sure. If it were on our property the tree would have been taken down years ago. This tree is not the only problem on the street, but it is by far the worst one I know of. It needs to be taken care of.

Attached are photos.

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As I always am,

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# Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors Proclamation

## HONORING SANDRA SHEPHERD WALLACE AS THE SECOND SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT PERSON OF DISTINCTION

WHEREAS, Sandra Shepherd Wallace, a longtime resident of Capitola, has dedicated her life to the service of others, exemplifying compassion, equity, and education through decades of leadership and volunteerism across Santa Cruz County; and

WHEREAS, as Founder and Secretary of the For Kids Foundation Monterey Bay, Sandra built a financial safety net for vulnerable children, removing barriers and funding essential needs such as medical equipment, tutoring, and access support when no other help was available; and

WHEREAS, after marrying Earl "Corky" Wallace in 1958, Sandra proudly served 20 years as a Navy wife and mother, with both sons later serving in the U.S. Navy; and

WHEREAS, Sandra worked for two decades as a school secretary in the San Lorenzo Valley Unified School District, supporting staff, comforting students, and serving as the heart of her school communities; and

WHEREAS, she served over a decade on the Soquel Union Elementary School District Board of Trustees, including multiple terms as Board President, where she led with integrity through complex educational challenges; and

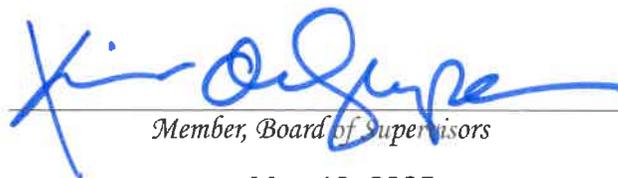
WHEREAS, during her board tenure, the district adopted one of the region's first climate change resolutions, recognizing environmental stewardship as a children's issue and core educational value; and

WHEREAS, Sandra continues her service through the Capitola-Aptos Rotary Club and St. John's Episcopal Church in Aptos, where her faith and volunteerism enrich outreach and fellowship programs that uplift the community; and

WHEREAS, Sandra Shepherd Wallace has earned the deep respect and gratitude of her peers, neighbors, and local leaders for her selfless work, tireless energy, and boundless heart.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kimberly De Serpa, Santa Cruz County Second District Supervisor, do hereby recognize Sandra Shepherd Wallace as the Second District's Person of Distinction, and express profound appreciation for her extraordinary contributions to the children, families, and future of our community.



  
Member, Board of Supervisors

May 12, 2025

Date