

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

From: [Board Of Supervisors](#)
To: [Jesseka Rodriguez](#)
Subject: FW: NO! onThe Haven Housing Development
Date: Monday, May 19, 2025 3:07:06 PM

From: Kerry Rowley [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, May 18, 2025 11:17 AM
To: Board Of Supervisors <boardofsupervisors@santacruzcountyca.gov>
Subject: NO! onThe Haven Housing Development

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Please do not support The Haven housing development. It will be harmful in so many ways!

It will impact the wildlife in the area, removing a large portion of the wildlife corridor, and increase traffic dramatically on Graham Hill Road.

Also, where is the assurance that these homes will even be able to get fire insurance in a high fire zone? Is anyone looking into this????

Thank you for your consideration.

Karen Rowley
Bonny Doon Resident

From: [Board Of Supervisors](#)
To: [Jesseka Rodriguez](#)
Subject: FW: Strong Opposition to "The Haven" Development
Date: Thursday, May 22, 2025 2:23:18 PM

From: Lauren Hanneman [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, May 22, 2025 9:21 AM
To: Board Of Supervisors <boardofsupervisors@santacruzcountyca.gov>
Subject: Strong Opposition to "The Haven" Development

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

My name is Lauren Hanneman and I am faculty in the Environmental Science/Oceanography Department at Cabrillo College. My background is in watershed monitoring, environmental policy, and environmental conservation.

I strongly oppose the proposed "The Haven" development for several reasons that include the loss of rare and endangered habitat, strains on the water supply, inadequate infrastructure to accommodate increased traffic volume, and the location of units of high density housing in a high-risk fire zone.

This proposed site sits on a 40 acre Sandhills site near Henry Cowell State Park. The Sand Hills are an incredibly unique ecosystem and are home to endemic and endangered species found nowhere else. Although portions of the Sandhills are protected, habitat fragmentation due to development continues to undermine the conservation efforts of this ecosystem which is naturally rare due to the limited geographic range. In addition, there are no walkable areas or transit lines which will increase the number and density of vehicles on the roads which will not only increase the number of wildlife fatalities, it will also impede evacuation efforts if **and** when fires return to this area.

I am aware of Governor Newsom's executive order to increase housing density and support the efforts to increase housing density in city hubs such as downtown Santa Cruz. However, this proposed site is far outside of transportation hubs and city centers. On his personal [site](#), it is stated, "*Governor Newsom also issued an executive order to*

support efforts to transform undeveloped and underutilized infill sites and buildings into housing. The order will help communities build thriving downtown cores, and new housing near transportation hubs and job centers — creating more housing options for Californians while further aligning the state's housing and climate goals." This proposed site has none of these provisions and is located in an unincorporated zone. In addition, the removal of 600 mature trees is the opposite of working towards achieving the stated climate goals. Simply stated, this proposed development site is a land grab that will be of little to no benefit to our community (including our non-human community) and will come with costs that are impossible to measure.

I implore you to oppose "The Haven" development and consider alternate options for preserving this invaluable land. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Lauren Hanneman

From: [Board Of Supervisors](#)
To: [Jesseka Rodriguez](#)
Subject: FW: The Haven
Date: Thursday, May 29, 2025 7:45:20 AM

From: michael snyder [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, May 24, 2025 4:05 PM
To: Board Of Supervisors <boardofsupervisors@santacruzcountyca.gov>
Subject: The Haven

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Dear board of Supervisors,

I encourage you to approve the Haven project on Graham Hill Rd.

It is way past time that we have some significant increase the number of homes available in the county's jurisdiction. There will never be a perfect site but this one is fairly straight forward.

Good access, water available , schools and a site that has already had significant change from timber to grassland. It is in no way pristine as far as vegetation is concerned.

I urge you to move forward and approve this project.

Best regards

Mike Snyder
[REDACTED]

From: [Board Of Supervisors](#)
To: [Jesseka Rodriguez](#)
Subject: FW: Oppose "THE HAVEN"
Date: Thursday, May 29, 2025 7:44:44 AM

From: Pamela Ambris [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, May 24, 2025 2:00 PM
To: Board Of Supervisors <boardofsupervisors@santacruzcountyca.gov>; Jonathan DiSalvo <Jonathan.DiSalvo@santacruzcountyca.gov>; Joe Serrano <Joe.Serrano@santacruzcountyca.gov>
Subject: Oppose "THE HAVEN"

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This high density housing project on Graham Hill Road will

- Take our water
- Hinder Fire Evacuations
- Lengthen commute time
- destroy sandhills habitat

from concerned Felton Resident

From: [Board Of Supervisors](#)
To: [Jesseka Rodriguez](#)
Subject: FW: Equal Rights for Every Neighbor Coalition Vehemently Condemns Newsom's Call to Ban Encampments
Date: Friday, May 16, 2025 3:55:08 PM

From: Laura Chatham [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, May 16, 2025 12:03 PM
To: Santa Cruz City Council <citycouncil@cityofsantacruz.com>; Board Of Supervisors <boardofsupervisors@santacruzcountyca.gov>
Subject: Equal Rights for Every Neighbor Coalition Vehemently Condemns Newsom's Call to Ban Encampments

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FYI

just saying....

Laura Chatham

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

From: **Paul Boden**
Date: Fri, May 16, 2025 at 10:08 AM
Subject: ER4EN FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: Equal Rights for Every Neighbor Coalition Vehemently Condemns Newsom's Call to Ban Encampments

Please share with your media lists/contacts





FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

May 16, 2025

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The Governor's promotion of a model ordinance for local jurisdictions to follow will cause further harm and trauma to thousands of Californians who are unhoused, while failing to achieve any stated goals.

The Equal Rights for Every Neighbor Coalition, a coalition devoted to reducing the harm of local responses to people living



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unhoused, condemns the Governor's "model ordinance" to make unlawful people's attempts to survive on our public streets. The model ordinance encourages local governments to demolish homeless encampments, to force people to move daily, and promotes law enforcement search of people's belongings without any regard for constitutional protections, including due process. The ordinance uses language equating people who are unhoused with a public safety threat, despite data showing people who are unhoused are more likely to be victims of crime than perpetrators. It encourages local governments to forcefully remove people and their belongings, regardless of whether those individuals and families are living in encampments. As written, the order would give local communities the illusion their governments are taking responsible action, while making it harder for state and local agencies to implement effective solutions.

The Equal Rights for Every Neighbor Coalition, a coalition devoted to reducing the harm of local responses to people living unhoused, condemns the Governor's "model ordinance" to make unlawful people's attempts to survive on our public streets. The model ordinance encourages local governments to demolish homeless encampments, to force people to move daily, and promotes law enforcement search of people's belongings without any regard for constitutional protections, including due process.

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The Governor's model ordinance follows his Executive Order N-1-24, banning encampments on state-owned land, and the U.S. Supreme Court's 2024 ruling on *City of Grants Pass v. Johnson, et al.* that reversed constitutional protections for people living outside, and has since emboldened jurisdictions seeking to treat people who are unhoused as criminals. The model ordinance comes at a time when federal leaders are proposing massive cuts to funding for housing vouchers, sure to lead tens of thousands of Californians to lose their homes (decades of federal disinvestment, in fact, has contributed significantly to mass homelessness). Further, it represents a dangerous and rapid shift away from proven housing and supportive services solutions and back to regressive, punitive, costly, and discriminatory approaches that local governments have long tried and that have long failed.

It also comes at a time when homelessness levels in California remained relatively flat, despite significant increases in homelessness nationally, thanks to state investment in housing and local communities housing more people than ever before. Tossing aside that success, the Governor is calling on local governments to turn back the clock.

The Governor's model ordinance purports to offer dignity and respect to people who are unhoused and reportedly discourages local communities from punishing people. Yet, forcing people to move 200 feet every three days is traumatizing, stigmatizing, arbitrary, and cruel. It creates more barriers for outreach workers, family members, and case managers to help people exit homelessness. In fact, these ordinances lead outreach workers to lose contact with their clients and people to lose their identification and other documentation needed to move into housing. People with lived experience of homelessness report that forcing people who are unhoused to move frequently is disorienting

and painful, particularly for seniors, people with disabilities, and people with children. They also report that forced moves interfere with health care they need. Likewise, 48-hour notices are never sufficient notice for outreach workers to connect to people living in encampments to understand their needs and to align the resources necessary to respond adequately to those needs, all of which are proven practices that help people move out of encampments. Enforcement of similar ordinances is deeply dehumanizing. When asked about the hardest part of being cited or arrested for being unhoused, one California resident told us, *“Feeling like a criminal. And having to go to court for just living is just degrading. I can’t even get a good night’s sleep.”*

The model also fails to clarify what “offer of shelter” means, or whether and how local jurisdictions will assist people to exit homelessness through an “offer of shelter” or track and verify shelter beds, especially given data showing most people who are unhoused want shelter and cannot access a bed. Moving someone forcefully from an encampment does nothing to resolve their unhoused or even unsheltered status or give them any place to go. Moreover, shelters do not solve homelessness and people typically must return to the streets eventually, creating a revolving door of forced moves, occasional shelter stays, and returns to the streets.

The model ordinance classifies an experience of homelessness, such as sleeping in a sleeping bag or using a cardboard box as protection from the elements, or any other measures to survive as “unlawful.” The ordinance language does not clarify the difference between “unlawful” and “criminal.” On the contrary, the model ordinance ignores compelling, independent research, including a recent analysis of [Los Angeles practices](#) and a [RAND report](#), proving that clearing encampments is ineffective and disproportionately harms people of color, people with disabilities, older adults, and people who identify as gay, lesbian, bisexual, or transgender, all of whom are overrepresented among unhoused communities due to discrimination in all areas of life.

Local assessments of similar ordinances find 81% of people are not offered any services and, when they are offered any referrals to shelter beds, most beds are full. One city linked only 6% of people

impacted to shelter beds. Similarly, for 82% of people forcefully moved or punished for failing to move off the streets, enforcement officers offered no storage of people's belongings. Sixty-two percent of people reported their belongings were thrown into trash trucks. Review after review of enforcement of ordinances show that, despite intentions, a law enforcement response to homelessness is a highly costly, highly ineffective, and harmful response.

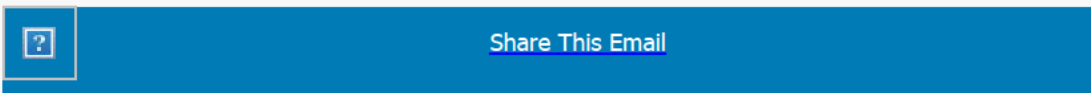
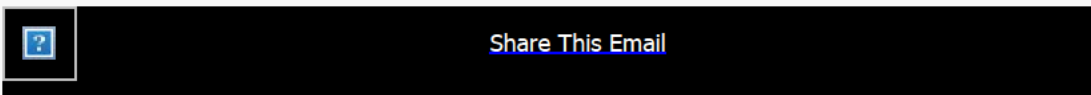
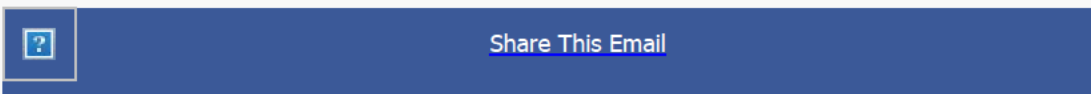
Rather than repeating what does not work again and again, expecting different results, California can instead choose to invest in effective solutions that create sustainable, healthy and safe communities and ensure dignity through ongoing, scalable investments in housing for all, based on data-driven and fiscally responsible solutions, including the following:

- Leveraging insights from those with lived experiences of homelessness,
- Working in coordination with local governments to assist people in encampments to move into permanent housing,
- Accelerating new affordable and accessible housing development, investing in rental assistance, improving subsidized housing voucher utilization rates, and repairing and preserving existing supportive and public housing,
- Mobilizing public health teams, and
- Engaging people living in encampments and connecting individuals to housing and supportive services through one-on-one connections led by services staff.

The Equal Rights for Every Neighbor Coalition fights for a world in which all neighbors have equal rights and the opportunity to participate fully and equally in their communities. We oppose discrimination based on housing status, and work to abolish criminalization of unhoused Californians.

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From: [Board Of Supervisors](#)
To: [Jesseka Rodriguez](#)
Subject: FW: Budget Input - Invest in Prevention
Date: Thursday, May 29, 2025 8:21:40 AM

From: Luisa Magarian [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, May 26, 2025 9:58 AM
To: Board Of Supervisors <boardofsupervisors@santacruzcountyca.gov>; Third District <Third.District@santacruzcountyca.gov>
Subject: Budget Input - Invest in Prevention

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Dear Supervisor Cummings and Board of Supervisors,

I am a resident of Santa Cruz and an auntie of two Bay View Elementary students, and I care deeply about the well-being of our community. As you make critical budget decisions, I urge you to remember: an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure—especially when it comes to public health and safety.

Please prioritize funding for programs that meet people's basic needs and prevent crises. Every dollar spent on housing, mental health care, and community services saves far more than we spend managing the consequences. Cutting support for programs like MHCAN, the Homeless Persons Health Project, and the Gemma Program will only lead to more costly outcomes—such as emergency room visits, avoidable arrests, and harm to our most vulnerable community members.

At a time when many people are losing health insurance and food assistance due to federal policies, Santa Cruz County can and should do better. Further cuts are not fiscally responsible and aren't what our community needs or deserves.

I understand the budget is tight. We must look carefully at where

cuts can do the least harm and where spending could be reallocated more effectively. Our systems of incarceration and law enforcement take up a disproportionate share of the general fund and are not bearing an equitable share of proposed cuts.

For example, we're spending over \$15,000/month/person in our jail, and the majority are held pre-trial for misdemeanors simply because they can't afford bail. Juvenile Hall costs over \$9M/year to house an average of just 9 youth. Rountree is almost empty and could be closed, which would reduce General Fund contributions to corrections by 10%. These are costly, outdated approaches that don't serve public safety and divert funding from what actually works.

By contrast, community-based mental health, housing, and youth programs have been shown to prevent crises and reduce reliance on emergency services and incarceration. Redirecting funds from excess incarceration capacity toward these programs would save money and strengthen our community.

This budget is a test of our priorities. We can continue to chase crises with expensive, punitive systems—or we can invest in prevention and healing. I urge you to reject cuts to health and human services, fully fund programs serving vulnerable populations, and reduce spending on underused incarceration infrastructure.

Let's invest in long-term safety and well-being—for all of Santa Cruz County.

Luisa Magarian

District 3

From: [Board Of Supervisors](#)
To: [Jesseka Rodriguez](#)
Subject: FW: St. John's House
Date: Thursday, May 29, 2025 8:32:42 AM

From: bev ferreira [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, May 28, 2025 11:52 AM
To: Board Of Supervisors <boardofsupervisors@santacruzcountycal.gov>
Subject: St. John's House

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Hello County Supervisors,

We are the Ferreira's, Mel and Beverly. We are writing because our home is directly affected by the development of St. John's House on the property of the Episcopal Church of St. John the Baptist located at 125 Canterbury Dr., Aptos. The church, with the help of People's Housing, is planning to build a transitional housing 2-story apartment building. We recognize that there is a great need for this type of housing in the community and do not object to the development.

Our issue is that they plan to remove 4 mature redwood trees and place the 2-story, 10-unit building at the fence line (5' setback) of the Seabreeze townhome community. We would like the opportunity to suggest that the trees be left in place and the building have a larger setback which would create more with a visual and sound buffer. The church also has other space on their site that would not impact any residences. We understand that the SB 4, Affordable Housing on Faith Lands Act gives the church easier access to permits and fast tracks the process leaving us homeowners with fewer rights.

We are writing to make the Board aware of this situation and would appreciate any suggestions or guidance you can give us.

Regards,

Mel and Beverly Ferreira

[REDACTED]

Aptos, CA

[REDACTED]

From: [Board Of Supervisors](#)
To: [Jesseka Rodriguez](#)
Subject: FW: New litter fine
Date: Wednesday, May 21, 2025 10:43:10 AM

From: Russel maridon [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, May 20, 2025 4:40 PM
To: Board Of Supervisors <boardofsupervisors@santacruzcountyca.gov>
Subject: New litter fine

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Good day

Letting you know that I am in complete support of this proposal. Living in south county for past 47 years and cleaning up the garbage dumped on Lakeview Rd, this is a step in the right direction.

Good job!

Russel Maridon
System Integrator

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Please think **Green** , please only print if necessary.

From: [Board Of Supervisors](#)
To: [Jesseka Rodriguez](#)
Subject: FW: Comments on the Budget
Date: Thursday, May 29, 2025 8:22:24 AM

From: Tamar Ragir [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, May 26, 2025 2:34 PM
To: Board Of Supervisors <boardofsupervisors@santacruzcountycal.gov>
Subject: Comments on the Budget

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Dear Supervisors,

I am writing today to urge you to be bold and creative in your thinking about our budget. This is a time when people are losing access to healthcare, food security, and housing support due to federal cuts. You are under pressure to make even deeper cuts to these basic services. But we as a county can push back. I urge you to:

1. Invest in meeting the basic needs of our community like healthcare, food security, and housing
2. Save money by making cuts to incarceration.

The Neighborhood Justice program is an excellent example of an alternative to incarceration. It holds people accountable while bringing the community together to help meet each other's basic needs. Please be creative in thinking about how we can expand this program or develop similar programs to reduce the number of people in our jails. Reducing incarceration is a much better way to save money than reducing access to healthcare and social services.

Thank you for considering my opinion,
Tamar Ragir
5th District resident



May 19, 2025

To the Santa Cruz Board of Supervisors:

Visit Santa Cruz County, the Destination Management Organization for the County of Santa Cruz, supports in full the creation of a county group to explore ways to promote Santa Cruz County and encourage overnight visitation during the large sporting events being held in the San Francisco Bay Area in 2026.

2026 will see some of the world's most iconic sporting events occur in Santa Clara and our proximity to Silicon Valley provides us with a unique opportunity to promote Santa Cruz County to international and domestic visitors as a world-class destination. Visit Santa Cruz County hopes that this committee's efforts may - in concert with our local communities, our transportation partners, our lodging stakeholders, our restaurants and bars, our retail businesses, our attractions, and our schools - provide exciting and memorable activations and events, county-wide and community-specific promotions, enhanced transportation support, and educational components. All of which may tie in with the spectacle, the fierce competition and the history of the games.

Of all counties in the Bay Area, Santa Cruz County offers an iconic coastal California experience that domestic and international visitors find so appealing. When international visitors think of California, they think of all we have to offer – gorgeous beaches, towering redwoods, bountiful fields of fruits and vegetables, and a vast spectrum of arts and culture. Not to mention the legendary Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk.

Santa Cruz County is a bucket-list destination for many international travelers. Let's do all we can to lure them over the hill, welcome them, assist them, and ensure their stays are picture-perfect and the first of many repeat visits.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Terence Concannon".

Terence Concannon

CEO, Visit Santa Cruz County

From: [Board Of Supervisors](#)
To: [Jesseka Rodriguez](#)
Subject: FW: STOP "The Haven"- a 157 unit development
Date: Thursday, May 22, 2025 8:52:30 AM

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

From: Thomas Walker [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, May 22, 2025 8:52 AM
To: Board Of Supervisors <boardofsupervisors@santacruzcountyca.gov>;
johnathan.DiSalvo@santacruzcountyca.gov; joe@santacruzlafco.gov
Subject: STOP "The Haven"- a 157 unit development

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STOP, the people do not want a Sandhills habitat & puma corridor destroyed for a high-density development that will decimate endangered species, strain the water supply, lengthen daily commutes, increase traffic risk, & impede fire evacuations - all for a few "affordable in name only" housing units. (This area has no walkability or transit line; & the fire insurance, in this high-risk zone, would be considerable). We do not think sacrificing 600 trees for 600 parking spaces is a good trade for Santa Cruz County! Imagine the impact we'd have, if all of us sent off these emails. There is Power in Numbers! Thank You!

Regards,
Tom walker & Family

From: [Board Of Supervisors](#)
To: [Jesseka Rodriguez](#)
Subject: FW: Rich Tourists Dump Too....
Date: Wednesday, May 21, 2025 10:42:32 AM

From: skitumbleweed [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, May 20, 2025 4:15 PM
To: Board Of Supervisors <boardofsupervisors@santacruzcountycal.gov>
Subject: Rich Tourists Dump Too....

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Hello All,

The conversation between Justin and Felipe is interesting indeed.

What I have seen is awesome tourism dumping over the last decade. A huge change for the worst in my lifetime of the behavior of people. Wealthy visitors assault the East Shore beaches of Tahoe with trash. Those folks do awesome heartbreaking damage. And they are people with money and time that just do not care. They bust bottles all over the boulders and leave entire meals. Every other day the beaches look like the aftermath of a rock concert or war. It's a horrible impact on wildlife and all things nature. The scene is sooo bogus that Justin would die of a broken heart just seeing the debacle unfold and from the stunning reality that American and International tourist humanity does this. A massive bummer.

No joke.

This behavior with our fine new White House administration could indeed come to Santa Cruz too. And like Felipe mentioned, some businesses just don't care. The cost of the ticket vs the extra bucks in their pockets. It's that simple. I've seen this before from men that are simply wicked in life as a working teen in Nevada.

So I understand Justin's concerns. But gosh with no concepts deployed to discourage these acts we are all doomed.

Illegal dumping is a huge bummer. Huge. My family has invested considerable time in

the past to save Tahoe's beaches. We extended that attitude to the Santa Cruz Mountains. I had my kids pick up Lexington Reservoir with Santa Clara County giving us the OK long ago. Old days I would just bring the garbage into our facilities for Tahoe. Not anymore. They stop individuals from cleaning up communities. WM stopped caring about Tahoe. Arguments in Tahoe have been ongoing over the matter.

And more, for now since Nevada has kinda bummed me out I pulled back on picking up the beach trash. It's pointless. I even avoid those beaches. As the beaches fill up with garbage I figured I'll let them rethink and ask me to pick up the mess. For now, tough luck to all, let folks swim in trash. If folks just leave me alone in life and allow me to pick it up every other week or so and to bring it into the WM facility with zero fuss I would consider doing that again. Meantime my attitude soured so much on this American Society I simply gave up. Let other generations learn a very hard lesson of life. Let them see trash and a wrecked environment.

You combine that with no ease of removing toxic fluids from homes??? Well Tahoe is indeed on a path of ruin with the combination of toxics and illegal dumping of trash of all sorts including toxics. There have even been large dumps of fluids in storm culverts in the past. Yep. In, of all places, Tahoe.

You might want to consider toxic fluids in a variety of ways too and look at aligning with other counties in that regard.

It's stupid. Yep. No doubt about it.

So, again I am always supportive of doing things to defend the environment. Always.

Anyways,

You all have a fine day. Maybe we will get lucky one day and Elon Musk will have a heart and pick up garbage in Santa Cruz and Tahoe.

Tim Delaney

From: [Board Of Supervisors](#)
To: [Jesseka Rodriguez](#)
Subject: FW: Strong opposition to the Haven
Date: Thursday, May 22, 2025 2:23:47 PM

From: Victoria Reynolds [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, May 22, 2025 9:45 AM
To: Board Of Supervisors <boardofsupervisors@santacruzcountyca.gov>
Subject: Strong opposition to the Haven

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As a long term Scotts Valley resident, I oppose "The Haven"- a 157 unit development, on a 40 acre Sandhills site by Henry Cowell Redwoods State Park!

We do not want a Sandhills habitat & puma corridor destroyed for a high-density development that will decimate endangered species, strain the already limited water supply, lengthen daily commutes, increase traffic risk, & impede fire evacuations - all for a few "affordable in name only" housing units. We've already been part of the evac for CZU fire and with these additional units it would cost lives of families and emergency responders as people couldn't get out or in.

This area has no walkability or transit line; & the fire insurance, in this high-risk zone, would be considerable. We do not think sacrificing 600 trees for 600 parking spaces is a good trade for Santa Cruz County!

Our family votes NO!

Thank you, the Reynolds



County of Santa Cruz

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May 15, 2025

Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors
701 Ocean Street, Room 500
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

Re: Letter of recommendation to reinstate the HSA Budget FY2025-26

To: Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors

The Santa Cruz County Mental Health Advisory Board recommends that the county reinstate the HSA budget for FY2025-26 including the funding for MHCAN, Gemma, and the 74 staff positions including the suicide prevention coordinator.

The HSA and specifically the Behavioral Health department uniquely provides the most cost-effective services to save lives, reduce suffering, and improve the safety and vibrancy for the community and visitors of Santa Cruz County.

No other departments in the FY2025-26 budget have received the cuts and funding eliminations the BH department have received. The BH department receives the smallest allocation of any department, approximately 7% of its total budget, from the county General fund. Additionally, the HSA and BH department receive the most matching funds from the State and Federal government of any SC county department.

The proposed FY2025-26 budget cuts to HSA/BH will inevitably result in an increase in expenses by the county to fill the gaps by Law enforcement, Fire and EMS, private service providers such as Dominican and Watsonville Community Hospital, PAMF and Kaiser, Santa Cruz County Community Health and other private and county contracted service providers.

Again, the Santa Cruz County Mental Health Advisory Board recommends that the county reinstate the HSA budget for FY2025-26 including the funding for MHCAN, Gemma, and the 74 staff positions including the suicide prevention coordinator.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Xaloc Cabanes".

Xaloc Cabanes, Chair
Mental Health Advisory Board

From: [Board Of Supervisors](#)
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Subject: FW: Not So Rubio---That's not how the executive, legislative, and judicial branch work.
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Perhaps Marco Rubio cannot read cursive handwriting. And that may hold true for the entire Trump Administration. Should I call them stupid or under-educated? How are these things to be resolved?

With regards to free speech, foul language as we know diminishes your message. It's a bummer to feel the need to use free speech and refer to any politician such as Putin in such a way to convey my feelings for Putin's politics and awesome evil. But my English teacher pointed out in times of extreme duress perhaps that is acceptable. Freedom is not free. This is what my war veteran family members pointed out to me. Especially the WWII Veterans.

In regards to Marco Rubio, the drubbing he is getting before Van Hollen and Jim Risch, a Democrat and Republican, is well deserved.

I ask, if Rubio really thinks he does not have to answer to the judiciary branch then in theory he does not have to answer to the legislative branch when they create law, so that said, why even have our U.S. Constitution and government at all?

Just call it as it is. And should we just let the cards fall as they may and accept the reality, Rubio?

Jim Risch is spot on the mark.

Call it as it is.....**Marco Rubio you represent dictatorship in the USA.** Jim is 100% correct in asserting his regrets for voting for you.

This administration is a corrupt tyranny that my combat veteran family members fought against world wide over multiple wars. My family coffin flag will not be shown for any such celebrations this year. I celebrate "Freedom" with my family's American combat veteran flags. Not tyranny and evil.

Anyways, this is horrible stuff and will impact Santa Cruz. However, what comes around goes around. A dollar of suffering for Santa Cruz is four dollars in red states that voted for Donald Trump. They will learn some tough lessons indeed.

Lastly, I am all for missile defense, but what is it for once we have a dictatorship in the USA? We did not have a dictatorship like this with Reagan. I never saw ICE do this level of behavior as a working kid. In fact some of the men hauled off were let go and they came back to work. Our new situation is arguably much worse. I just don't know what I am living in anymore. It's interesting indeed.

Tim Delaney

Dear Members of the Board:

I am writing you on behalf of many residents of Santa Cruz County who have suddenly become aware of County plans to construct grid-scale BESS facilities on several sites in the County and who are very concerned about the safety of siting these facilities in or very near dense urban and suburban residential communities, schools, hospitals, farmland and protected natural sanctuaries.

It is unacceptable for a foundational infrastructural change on the scale of a 14 to 16 acre BESS facility literally on Watsonville's doorstep to be virtually absent from civic dialogue for 5 years, since 2019 when New Leaf Energy first started "working" amidst local property owners for a place to site their industrial-scale facility. Not a word to your constituents even after Supervisor Hernandez and former Supervisor McPherson proposed it to the board in 2019 and New Leaf Energy submitted their application – an application submitted furthermore before a BESS Ordinance was even written, let alone adopted.

I ask respectfully that you, the Board, immediately make information about these plans readily, transparently and completely available to the public. The current placement of the Seahawk Energy Storage project is nearly impossible to navigate to on the County website, requiring navigation through 5 website pages.

I also ask that you support Assemblymember Dawn Addis' bill AB 303 – 2025, which returns siting decision-making power to local communities.

Furthermore, I support California's carbon footprint and EV mandates and the need for sweeping infrastructural change to meet current set deadlines focused on 2035 and 2045 successfully. However, achieving those green goals cannot come at the cost of toxic disasters bred from technology that has outstripped in its application the means to safely regulate it.

That means BESS installations must be aligned with effective fire suppression techniques. Clearly, self-combusting lithium-ion battery using BESS facilities are unsafe.

New Leaf Energy Storage is proposing the newer LFP battery for their Seahawk Energy Storage project, citing the industry standard that this lithium using battery does not self-ignite and therefore is safe enough to use. It is not immune to burning, however. Severe short circuit from faulty wiring can result in combustion as well as many other manufacturing flaws, and aging components and housing. Our central coast area is disaster prone, with both high earthquake and wild fire risk. What happens in the event of a larger disaster or in the event that for any reason an LFP using BESS facility or sections of it goes up in flames?

Right now, lithium batteries are a dominating technology, but their continued use into the next decades as we go green is increasingly under question. This is because the lithium battery is dirty technology, involving dirty extraction, a high production footprint and a high recycling footprint. There are other, safer, cheaper and more environmentally friendly battery technologies being explored aggressively right now and they will certainly be available in the near future.

If we invest in LFP technology today, would we be able to upgrade the facility later? At what cost?

We need to slow this infrastructural change down, so that we can ensure that battery energy storage technology and its safety protocols and regulations keep up with its installation.

Thank you.
Nina Audino

Dear Members of the Board:

My name is Nina Audino. I have been a resident of Santa Cruz County for 37 years. I live in District 2.

In the wake of the Moss Landing Vistra BESS facility fire, I am here to urge you to enact an emergency moratorium on lithium battery using BESS facilities in Santa Cruz County while County staff works with New Leaf Energy and independent industry experts to identify where we want BESS facilities developed and safety regulations that actually protect the safety and health of our community, our agricultural infrastructure and our natural environment.

I also urge you to establish an advisory committee of independent, professional industry experts to advise the County Board on appropriate siting and regulations that could and should be more restrictive than current state regulations, as well as on alternative battery technology that is, in fact, clean and a better investment into the future.

The movement that questions the wisdom of investing in lithium battery using BESS facilities is growing.

Orange County just passed an emergency moratorium on BESS facility development on unincorporated county land pending a thorough investigation of appropriate siting and regulations.

In January of 2023, New Leaf Energy pulled its plans to build a BESS facility next to a church and immediately adjacent to six schools in a dense residential area of Staten Island.

In November of 2024, another BESS developer withdrew its plans for a grid-scale facility in the town of Catskill in New York state.

New Leaf Energy's proposed Seahawk facility is within several hundred feet of dense residential neighborhoods, surrounded by multiple nearby schools, Pinto Park, precious agricultural land, a protected riparian zone, two lakes, one of which is part of a clean water reclamation project that

irrigates Pajaro Valley farmland, a proposed new residential development and a proposed new regional Park.

An active fault line runs through the property the facility is sited on. It is surrounded by acres of fuel in the event of a wild fire.

Energy storage is a critically needed resource to achieve a decarbonized electric grid. I agree with the concept behind it, but it must not be at the cost of our safety.

The reality is lithium using battery storage facilities raise serious concerns for public safety and the environment. And while battery storage facilities may be the future of energy infrastructure, current lithium battery using technology does not belong in residential communities.

Too many factors can make these batteries catch fire — too much water, lightning, wildfire, damaged casings, being too hot or too cold, hidden defects and recharging malfunctions, malfunctions in the supporting equipment, to name just a few causes. And there is no firefighting technology to stop lithium fire once it is in flame.

Longer-term, lithium battery fires risk jeopardizing the operations of the electrical grid. Battery storage is poised to replace outdated peaker plants, storing clean power and injecting it into the grid during hours of peak demand. The technology can't deliver if it burns and then remains inoperational for months of investigations and refurbishment.

Again, I ask you to slow down the permitting process for the New Leaf Energy BESS planned for 90 Minto Road, enact a moratorium on lithium using BESS facilities in Santa Cruz County and appoint an expert, professional advisory committee to advise you on appropriate siting and regulations, as well as on alternative battery technology that is, in fact, clean and a better investment into the future.

Thank you,
Nina Audino

Dear Members of the Board:

My name is Nina Audino. I've been a resident of Santa Cruz County for 37 years. I live in District 2.

Thank you Supervisors de Serpa and Koenig for taking the time to speak with me about the planned installation of grid-scale BESS facilities using lithium battery technology. Thank you, Maureen McCarty, analyst for Supervisor de Serpa, who took time out of her busy day to speak with me. I asked you all to please hold a town hall meeting as soon as possible and include the public in this huge infrastructural change currently already in permitting stages. I also asked you to support an Urgency Ordinance for a Moratorium on this BESS development until an impartial, expert Advisory Committee can help advise you on lithium battery technology.

I want to apologize as well to Supervisor Hernandez for my words during comment at the January 28 Board meeting, stating that he and Bruce McPherson first introduced the BESS plans in 2019. Indeed, you did not introduce them at that time, and yet the lead project manager for the Seahawk BESS at 90 Minto Road, which is now in permitting stages, Max Christian stated transparently to the local news group *Lookout Santa Cruz* that their company has been working in our County on the Seahawk BESS project since 2019.

Five years is a very long time for an energy developer to be working amidst us on a BESS installation using lithium battery technology. And yet, until the toxic lithium battery fire disaster at Vistra's Moss Landing plant, most of the public had no information on these plans. In fact, even 5 days before Sequoia Energy and New Leaf Energy submitted their application for permitting last December 17 to the Planning Division, most of the public still had no information on these plans. This is because the only people speaking with the public were representatives of New Leaf Energy, at one very poorly attended meeting on December 12 at Amesti School advertised on a post card and sent only to residents within a half mile of the planned lithium BESS facility with the time of the meeting missing.

Lithium batteries burn. Period. The dangers from the newer, 2nd generation supposedly safer lithium battery technology remain the same: thermal instability, explosions, catastrophic fires.

We, all of us together and our children will have to live with the severe health risks and long-term environmental contamination from the toxic smoke, ash, chemicals and heavy metals resulting from lithium battery fires in BESS plants.

Please help me keep my faith in our representative, democratic process. Please hold a town hall meeting on the lithium BESS installations planned for our county with those whom you are called on to represent.

Thank you,

Nina Audino

Dear Members of the Board:

My name is Nina Audino, resident of Santa Cruz County.

By recent official Santa Cruz County accounts, agriculture in our county is worth a neat billion annually. And how much is a child's life worth to us? How about the lives of all the children living in a 2-mile radius around your proposed Seahawk BESS facility just outside of Watsonville? What are they worth?

Because Moss Landing Marine Lab Professor Aiello has testified as an expert in his research field that the highest concentrations of heavy metal toxins from Vistra's catastrophic battery fire at Moss Landing are not right next to the site, but instead 1 to 2 miles out.

How many children live on a 2-mile radius around the proposed Seahawk BESS at 90 Minto Road? How many schools are there? Children's parks? Community Centers? Hospitals and doctors' offices? How many back yards and other wildflower covered corners where children play?

Ah – but no worries, you will say. The containerized fires will be so much smaller and less toxic. They will not spread much at all. Only less than a 100' from the 300 containers planned for the utility-scale facility.

So, are we going to listen to and believe Senator Laird, introducing his "Clean" Energy Safety Act of 2025, [SB 283] by claiming that first responders "contained" the toxic 250' tall flames at Moss Landing? What containment? There was no containment. You cannot contain a lithium fire. Moss Landing burned without containment until the toxic lithium batteries burned themselves out.

Are we going to listen to the California Energy Storage Alliance lobby, where Vistra sits as a top-tier contributor, declaim falsely in a meeting with Newsom's office that all tests conducted to date have found no present

danger, despite it being the largest battery storage fire in U.S. history? Should we listen to their false claims that any future incidents, should they occur, would have significantly less impact, as less than one percent of Moss Landing's energy storage capacity would be at risk due to the industry's transition to containerized storage?

Really? Ask any battery engineer who is not on an energy developer's payroll to guarantee that there will never be a containerized lithium fire that will burn through a container and spread to others. Ask them to guarantee that new generation LFP batteries are 100% fire and explosion risk free. Ask them to guarantee how the winds will blow on the day the fire spreads.

There is no guarantee possible. A local Watsonville business owner stated to me recently, "There is nothing complex here. In any other business, failure to produce fire technology capable of extinguishing a chemical fire would mean an immediate application denial."

As a community that values the lives and future of our children as something far greater than profit margins, we need to put the onus on contracted energy developers to definitively prove that their battery energy storage facilities will cause no harm before their plans are accepted. Clean energy should never come at the expense of public safety.

I urge you to enact an Urgency Ordinance moratorium. Convene an impartial Technical Advisory Committee who will work with all of the stakeholders, including the public, to prioritize safety. Hold a Town Hall and give the people a voice. Listen to your constituents.

Thank you.

Nina Audino

Dear Members of the Board:

My name is Nina Audino. I live in Santa Cruz County in rural Corralitos.

I want to thank you again for your right action in slowing down our county's adoption of a BESS Ordinance. And I urge you to act further to protect the best interests of your constituents – of all of us who live together in this county.

Convene an impartial Technical Advisory Committee that is not limited to New Leaf Energy's hired hands, who represent the developer's best interests, tied first and last to their business profits. We need all stakeholders, including the public, assisting with a transparent process of crafting a BESS Ordinance that makes health and safety a priority for our communities and environment. We need fire experts, battery engineers and former BESS developers on our Technical Advisory Committee.

And what about a Town Hall? Why are you not inviting the public to the table in this critical community process? What are you afraid of? Don't you want to trust the democratic process? Don't you want to uphold it?

Listening to the public will gain you critically important insights that you are blinded to if you persist in delimiting yourselves to sitting in the box of marketing ads designed for you by the developer, whose overriding goals are profit and a return on their investments. Surely you must know that.

Currently the world's two largest battery manufacturers – CATL and BYD have already begun large-scale sodium-ion production – already rolling out SIB batteries in mass numbers. So is Natron, a Santa Clara based SIB manufacturer with one facility already producing and another huge manufacturing facility in construction in North Carolina. That puts SIB batteries high on the Technological Readiness Level, arguably at a 9, the highest tier – the TRL Technological Readiness Lever is a market system designed to measure the maturity level of a particular technology, ranging from a 1 at the bottom for basic research to a 9 at

the top for full deployment. Japan is heavily investing in SIB research with plans to transition out of an unsustainable lithium dependent energy infrastructure. CATL projects a market shift in which sodium-ion batteries replace up to half of the market for lithium iron phosphate batteries.

All lithium-ion batteries burn, regardless of type or generation. It is absolutely unacceptable to rush into installing a battery tech that is proven dangerous – proven to be highly flammable and explosive, a risk that increases predictably the higher the numbers of batteries in one installation, like in a large BESS, and the longer they are stressed with use.

Sodium-ion batteries are less dense than lithium-ion, but they are catching up, currently offering two thirds of the density of LFB. Wouldn't you trade some manageably lower density for guaranteed fire and explosion and toxicity free safety? I know I would.

Sodium-ion batteries cost less, are recyclable, offer a higher cycle life – and most importantly, they are safe. They are not flammable and have no risk of thermal runaway. But you won't hear this if you listen exclusively to New Leaf Energy's corporate pitch.

Again, please convene an impartial Technical Advisory Committee that includes all stakeholders, including the public, to assist with a transparent process of crafting a BESS Ordinance that makes health and safety a priority for our communities and environment.

Thank you.

Nina Audino

Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors Proclamation

HONORING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF SANTA CRUZ PRIDE

WHEREAS, the modern LGBTQ+ Rights movement was ignited in June 1969 by the Stonewall Riots in New York City, and three years later in June 1972 the first official Pride parades and events were held in major cities across the United States in commemoration of the Riots; and

WHEREAS, Santa Cruz County, widely regarded as one most inclusive and welcoming communities in the nation, held its first Santa Cruz Pride events in June 1975, which were among first Pride events in smaller cities nationwide and the fourth in the state of California; and

WHEREAS, that same month, the Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors passed a resolution proclaiming June 16-23, 1975, as "Gay Pride Week", and since then, annual Pride events in June have united LGBTQ+ individuals and allies to celebrate the rich and vibrant LGBTQ+ culture across Santa Cruz County and the significant contributions of LGBTQ+ people to the economic, artistic, political and educational wellbeing of our community; and


WHEREAS, the first Santa Cruz Pride sparked the formation of organizations, programs, activities and events that fostered and promoted an inclusive and welcoming environment and increased services for the LGBTQ+ community, including advocating for LGBTQ+ friendly legislation, helping to defeat harmful statewide propositions, supporting same sex marriage when it first became legal in California, and helping to elect openly LGBTQ+ officials; and

WHEREAS, educational entities, businesses and organizations across Santa Cruz County raise the rainbow flag every year in celebration of the LGBTQ+ community and culture, and more than 100 LGBTQ+ people and allies have been celebrated as Santa Cruz Pride Grand Marshals; and


WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors has reinforced its support of the LGBTQ+ community in many ways over the years, including by supporting same sex marriage licenses in 2004, and more recently in June 2024 by designating Santa Cruz County as a Transgender and Non-Binary Sanctuary County, and in January 2025 by reaffirming its support of LGBTQ+ people amid discriminatory federal policy initiatives.

NOW, THEREFORE, Monica Martinez, Santa Cruz County Fifth District Supervisor, and Justin Cummings, Santa Cruz County Third District Supervisor, do hereby honor and celebrate the LGBTQ+ community of Santa Cruz County and its allies for reaching the landmark 50th Anniversary of Santa Cruz Pride and encourage all residents to join in celebrating this historic milestone.





Member, Board of Supervisors



May 27, 2025

Date

Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors Proclamation

HONORING ALEXANDRA GRACE MORAIRTY
2025 RECIPIENT OF THE
DEMOCRATIC IDEALS AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING YOUTH

WHEREAS, each year the Democratic Ideals Award for Outstanding Youth recognizes local graduating seniors for civic mindedness and engagement, and future civic aspirations, in their communities during their tenure at high school; and

WHEREAS, as President of the Scotts Valley High School Student Government, Alexandra Grace Morairty has worked tirelessly in student government to help build an inclusive and welcoming community, and demonstrated an unwavering commitment to community service; and

WHEREAS, through her leadership, Alexandra coordinated a range of activities to build connection among students, including weekly luncheons with special education students, discussions in the Unity Starts Here Club, Culture Week and heritage months events, and a community service fair; and

WHEREAS, Alexandra, a two-time recipient of the President's Volunteer Service Award administered by the White House, has demonstrated outstanding service to her community by volunteering for the Santa Cruz Animal Shelter, Scotts Valley Multicultural Fair, Special Olympics Polar Plunge, Queer Youth Leadership Awards, and other causes; and

WHEREAS, Alexandra has shown a deep respect for human dignity and rights, compassion and empathy for others, and a commitment to equity and justice, serving as an inspiring role model to others in her school; and

WHEREAS, Alexandra's leadership, commitment to civic duty, 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 Alexandra Grace Morairty as the 2025 recipient of the Democratic Ideals Award for Outstanding Youth.



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Member, Board of Supervisors

May 20, 2025

Date

Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors Proclamation

HONORING ABIGAIL GABRIELSON
2025 RECIPIENT OF THE
DEMOCRATIC IDEALS AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING YOUTH

WHEREAS, each year the Democratic Ideals Award for Outstanding Youth recognizes local graduating seniors for civic mindedness and engagement, and future civic aspirations, in their communities during their tenure at high school; and

WHEREAS, Abigail, President of the San Lorenzo Valley High School's Key Club, worked to support those in need and reduce over consumption and waste in the community by organizing events such as winter coat drives; and

WHEREAS, through her leadership, Abigail managed officers, wrote the constitution, and organized a collaborative tri-campus Halloween festival that encouraged elementary students' participation; and

WHEREAS, Abigail, worked diligently to ensure that new members of the Key Club had opportunities to speak and become engaged at organized events and meetings, fostering a safe, positive, and inclusive environment; and

WHEREAS, Abigail, a volunteer for the National Coalition Building Institute, led freshman in a community strengthening class that aimed to reduce stigma and embrace differences, among other goals; and

WHEREAS, Abigail's, leadership, commitment to civic duty, and volunteerism exemplify the very best of community spirit in the San Lorenzo Valley.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Monica Martinez, Santa Cruz County Fifth District Supervisor, do hereby recognize and congratulate Abigail Gabrielson as the 2025 recipient of the Democratic Ideals Award for Outstanding Youth.



Member, Board of Supervisors

May 29, 2025

Date

Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors Proclamation

HONORING ARI ROBINS
2025 RECIPIENT OF THE
DEMOCRATIC IDEALS AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING YOUTH

WHEREAS, each year the Democratic Ideals Award for Outstanding Youth recognizes local graduating seniors for civic mindedness and engagement, and future civic aspirations, in their communities during their tenure at high school; and

WHEREAS, Ari, the Founder and President of the San Lorenzo Valley High School's Computer Science Honor Society, has worked diligently to foster inclusivity, equity, and civic engagement both inside and outside the classroom; and

WHEREAS, through his leadership, Ari broke down barriers to STEM education, leading initiatives to make coding and engineering accessible to all students, including robot assembly workshops at the San Lorenzo Valley Elementary School Family Science Night; and

WHEREAS, Ari, a role model for younger students, served as Link Leader, helping freshmen transition smoothly into high school with the goal of welcoming every student regardless of their background; and

WHEREAS, Ari, a dedicated volunteer in the community, helped cook and serve meals to seniors at Highlands Park Senior Center and assisted elementary students as a student aid at San Lorenzo Valley Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, Ari's, leadership, commitment to civic duty, and volunteerism exemplify the very best of community spirit in the San Lorenzo Valley;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Monica Martinez, Santa Cruz County Fifth District Supervisor, do hereby recognize and congratulate Ari Robins as the 2025 recipient of the Democratic Ideals Award for Outstanding Youth.



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

Member, Board of Supervisors

May 29, 2025

Date

Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors Proclamation

HONORING AMY THOMAS
PRINCIPAL OF WATSONVILLE CHARTER SCHOOL OF THE ARTS

WHEREAS, Amy Thomas began her journey with Watsonville Charter School of the Arts (WCSA) in 2007 as the coordinator of the after-school program, where she quickly became known for her passion for reading and for inspiring a love of books in her students; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Thomas dedicated herself to the growth and success of WCSA students, later serving as a 7th grade teacher while earning her master's degree, demonstrating her unwavering commitment to education and lifelong learning; and

WHEREAS, since becoming Principal in 2015, Amy Thomas has transformed WCSA with visionary leadership and heartfelt dedication, supported by her two sons, her mother, and her mentor, Susan Forson; and

WHEREAS, under her leadership, WCSA has seen the development of a new lunch area, the addition of new classrooms, and the creation of a beautiful stage that has become a centerpiece for student performances and artistic expression; and

WHEREAS, Principal Thomas has greatly enriched the school's arts curriculum, bringing new and diverse opportunities for students to explore and grow their creative talents; and

WHEREAS, Amy Thomas has strengthened family and community connections through a thriving Home and School Club, consistently fostering high levels of parent engagement and representation on the school's advisory board; and

WHEREAS, her commitment to fostering a supportive, vibrant, and inclusive school culture has left a lasting impact on the students, families, and staff of Watsonville Charter School of the Arts.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Felipe Hernandez, Santa Cruz County Fourth District Supervisor, do hereby honor and commend Amy Thomas for her years of exceptional leadership, vision, and service to the community, and extend our deepest gratitude for her outstanding contributions to education and artistic development of the youth of Watsonville.





Member, Board of Supervisors

May 30, 2025
Date

Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors Proclamation

HONORING TERESA P. HERNANDEZ
FOR 40 YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO
STUDENTS, PARENTS, AND TEACHERS OF THE PAJARO VALLEY

WHEREAS, Teresa P. Hernandez is a proud graduate of Watsonville High School who pursued higher education at Cabrillo College and Hartnell College, demonstrating a lifelong commitment to learning; and

WHEREAS, Teresa has faithfully served the Pajaro Valley Unified School District for over 40 years in roles that have positively impacted students, families, and staff alike; and

WHEREAS, Teresa began her journey at Alianza Charter School, where for 16 years she assisted teachers and worked closely with students to support their learning with kindness and compassion; and

WHEREAS, she later served as an office assistant for the Migrant Seasonal Head Start Program, providing essential support to families and ensuring the smooth operation of the office and communication systems; and

WHEREAS, in her most recent and longest-serving role, Teresa worked as an Attendance Specialist—five years at Watsonville High School and 16 at Aptos High School—managing critical tasks including absence verification, truancy communication, teacher attendance records, and Saturday School coordination; and

WHEREAS, beyond her job title, Teresa is a trusted and supportive presence known for her professionalism, kindness, and unwavering dedication to students' wellbeing, earning the deep admiration of families, colleagues, and administrators; and

WHEREAS, outside of work, Teresa continues to inspire others with her passion for running—often participating in 5K and 10K events—and her adventurous love of skiing.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Felipe Hernandez, Santa Cruz County Fourth District Supervisor, do hereby recognize and honor Teresa P. Hernandez for her extraordinary contributions to our community, and express our deepest gratitude for her over 40 years of dedicated service.





Member, Board of Supervisors

June 2, 2025

Date

Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors Proclamation

HONORING TOM HOUSE
FOR HIS LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE IN ESTABLISHING
THE PAJARO VALLEY SPORTS FOUNDATION SOCCER COMPLEX AT FREEDOM SCHOOL

WHEREAS, Tom House, retired attorney, has been a dedicated and visionary community leader who, through the Watsonville Rotary Club, played a pivotal role in making the Pajaro Valley Sports Foundation (PVSF) soccer fields at Freedom Elementary School a reality; and

WHEREAS, in late 2017, during a Watsonville Rotary Club meeting, a simple yet powerful question was asked: What do our youth need most? The answer—more soccer fields—sparked a movement that led to the founding of the Pajaro Valley Sports Foundation in 2018; and

WHEREAS, from the start, Tom House, spearheaded the effort—bringing together regional leaders, organizing countless meetings, and forging strong partnerships with key organizations including Driscoll's and the Community Foundation of Santa Cruz County; and

WHEREAS, Tom led with both vision and hands-on commitment, contributing legal and organizational expertise while also restoring fences, digging ditches, pulling weeds, maintaining turf, and overseeing daily progress; and

WHEREAS, under Tom's tireless leadership, a 20-year joint use agreement was signed with Pajaro Valley Unified School District in April 2020, marking a major milestone in transforming Freedom Elementary's field into a safe and vibrant community sports complex; and

WHEREAS, between 2020 and 2021, Tom worked with partners and volunteers to oversee major improvements—grading, drainage, irrigation, and beautification—creating a soccer field that now serves Freedom Elementary, Pajaro Valley United, the Aztecas Soccer Program, and countless local youth; and

WHEREAS, Tom House's work has made a lasting impact on our community, providing safe, healthy, and inspiring spaces and today, the field will be officially dedicated in a celebration that honors the collective efforts of many, and especially the leadership of individuals like Tom.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Felipe Hernandez, Santa Cruz County Fourth District Supervisor, hereby honor Tom House for his exceptional leadership, dedication, and hands-on service in creating the Pajaro Valley Sports Foundation Soccer Complex at Freedom Elementary School.



Member, Board of Supervisors

May 24, 2025

Date

re: 5/20/2025 Board agenda item #12
 How will the fire agencies address unpermitted warm fires?
 IN CONCEPT approval of 7.92.307.2
 Open Burn Season & kindling of fires
 w/permits



5/20/25 Becky Steinbrunn

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Warming Fire Guidelines



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District Rule 438 (Open Outdoor Fires) generally prohibits open outdoor fires. However, certain types of fires, such as warming fires, may be allowed under specific conditions. A warming fire is considered to be an exception to the general prohibition against open burning, if it is carried out under the following conditions. These conditions define a legitimate warming fire:

- Ambient temperature is less than 50°F

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- The fire is actually used for warming at least every 15 minutes. A fire that is not visited for warming for more than 15 minutes is not a warming fire.
- Fuel for such fires can only be clean, dry wood, non-glossy paper or cardboard. No other rubbish or waste may be included. No painted or treated wood may be burned under any circumstances.
- The fire may only be ignited using a device which does not produce black smoke.
- The fire may not produce excessive smoke or cause a nuisance by affecting nearby homes, businesses or public roads with smoke or ashes.
- The fire must be no larger than reasonably necessary to provide warmth.

When any of these conditions defining a warming fire ends, no more fuel may be added to the fire and the fire must be extinguished. If you have any questions concerning application of these guidelines, please call the Compliance Division of the

Monterey Bay Unified Air
Pollution District for clarification.

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Santa Cruz County Commission on Disabilities

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May 8, 2025

Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors
710 Ocean Street, Room 500
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

Re: Recommendation of Support for Senate Bill 239

Dear Chair Hernandez and Members of the Board,

On behalf of the Santa Cruz County Disabilities Commission, we respectfully urge the Board of Supervisors to formally support Senate Bill 239 (SB 239), which would enhance remote meeting access for individuals with disabilities and older adults by providing permanent flexibility under California's Brown Act.

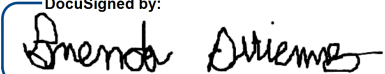
SB 239 addresses a critical barrier to civic engagement by ensuring that people who cannot attend meetings in person due to mobility limitations, chronic illness, immuno-compromised status, transportation challenges, or caregiving responsibilities can continue to participate fully in local public processes. While emergency orders during the COVID-19 pandemic temporarily removed these barriers, many of our community members have since lost that access.

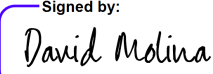
As a body charged with advising the Board on issues affecting people with disabilities, we have consistently heard from constituents who benefited from remote participation options. SB 239 would make it easier for commissions like ours, and others focused on aging and disability issues, to meet and operate effectively—ensuring that diverse voices remain part of decision-making.

Supporting SB 239 aligns with Santa Cruz County's commitment to equity, inclusion, and accessibility. It advances the goals of universal design and removes structural obstacles to civic participation—especially for those who have been historically marginalized or underrepresented. For these reasons, we request that the Board vote to endorse SB 239 and send a letter of support to our state legislative delegation.

Thank you for your time and consideration on behalf of the disabilities community in Santa Cruz County. Please feel free to reach out should you require any further information or clarification.

Respectfully,

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Brenda Gutierrez Baeza
Commission on Disabilities Co-Chair

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David Molina
Commission on Disabilities Co-Chair

cc: Santa Cruz County Seniors Commission
Santa Cruz County In-Home Support Services Commission

From: [Board Of Supervisors](#)
To: [Jesseka Rodriguez](#)
Subject: FW: Please Help Freeze California Cannabis Excise Tax
Date: Thursday, May 22, 2025 8:53:18 AM

From: Darren Story [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, May 21, 2025 6:41 PM
To: Board Of Supervisors <boardofsupervisors@santacruzcountyca.gov>
Subject: Please Help Freeze California Cannabis Excise Tax

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We're in the final stretch of our fight to stop the 25% cannabis tax hike, and your voice could make the difference.

As the Legislature finalizes the state budget, we're fighting to ensure that a tax freeze is included in the final budget package, which must be approved by the Legislature by June 15. To succeed, lawmakers need to hear directly from the local elected officials they represent now.

If you have strong relationships with our State representatives, please contact them and urge support in freezing the cannabis tax increase in the final budget.

We have just days left to protect consumers, preserve jobs, and stabilize our industry. Thank you for standing with us in this critical fight.

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to reach out.

Thank you

Darren Story

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From: [Board Of Supervisors](#)
To: [Jesseka Rodriguez](#)
Subject: FW: RBDA letter regarding CTI/AT&T cell tower proposal
Date: Monday, June 2, 2025 7:49:19 AM
Attachments: [RBDA letter regarding cell tower propoal.pdf](#)

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

From: Dave Rubin [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, June 1, 2025 8:39 PM
To: Board Of Supervisors <boardofsupervisors@santacruzcountyca.gov>
Cc: Rural Bonny Doon Association <board@rbda.us>; Trina Barton <Trina.Barton@santacruzcountyca.gov>;
Sandy Brown <Sandy.Brown@santacruzcountyca.gov>
Subject: RBDA letter regarding CTI/AT&T cell tower proposal

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Dear Supervisors,

Attached is a letter from the Rural Bonny Doon Association regarding the regarding the CTI/AT&T cell tower proposal.

Sincerely,
David Rubin, RBDA Board Chair

May 31, 2025

To Whom It May Concern:

On March 25, 2023, the RBDA Board submitted the attached letter in support of CTI's application to modify the cell tower at 186 Summit Drive. We continue to support CTI's application, for the reasons outlined in that letter.

The RBDA has been advocating for improved communications infrastructure in our community for more than 5 years, and CTI/AT&T's proposed towers (at Summit Drive and at the CalFire site on Empire Grade) are the only infrastructure improvements that a company has proposed deploying to improve wireless voice communication in our community.

We cannot evaluate the extent to which the proposed tower will fill in the gap in AT&T's cell coverage, because the maps provided in Hammett & Edison's report are too restricted in area to evaluate improvements to coverage, and our Board does not have the technological expertise to generate our own cell-transmission models. Consequently, our support for the tower is based on the broader goal of improving communications. We hope that CTI and AT&T's claims regarding the proposed tower are realized and that any negative impacts to the Summit neighborhood do, in fact, result in improved cell coverage.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "David M. Rubin".

David Rubin, for the RBDA Board

March 25, 2023

To Whom It May Concern:

The Rural Bonny Doon Association (RBDA) is writing to support the decision to approve CTI's application to modify the cell tower at 186 Summit Drive, Santa Cruz, 95060. Our support is based in part on AT&T's stated commitment to maintain the cell tower on Empire Grade, in addition to adding cell services to the new tower. We are concerned that replacing the existing Empire Grade tower with the new one on Summit Drive might result in a net reduction of cell coverage where Bonny Doon residents live and drive.

The RBDA has been advocating for improved communications infrastructure in our community since before the CZU fire. We have held community meetings and discussions with representatives from AT&T, Verizon, Comcast, Cruzio, PG&E, California Public Utilities Commission Public Advocate's Office, Santa Cruz County Supervisor Justin Cummings and his predecessor Ryan Coonerty, and Assemblymember Mark Stone's staff. This application to modify the Summit Drive cell tower is the only improvement that has been formally proposed by any provider to improve communications in Bonny Doon. Although other technologies such as distributed antenna systems might provide even better communications services in Bonny Doon, no provider has expressed an interest in deploying them.

For these reasons, the RBDA supports CTI's application.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "David M. Rubin". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "David" being the most prominent part.

David Rubin, RBDA Chair

From: [Board Of Supervisors](#)
To: [Jesseka Rodriguez](#)
Subject: FW: Stop rezoning process on Minto Road for now
Date: Thursday, May 29, 2025 8:29:21 AM

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

From: D G Eglinton [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, May 27, 2025 2:04 PM
To: Board Of Supervisors <boardofsupervisors@santacruzcountyca.gov>
Subject: Stop rezoning process on Minto Road for now

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Hello,

After the fire at the battery plant in Moss Landing was so, recent I believe we should not pass the rezoning of Minto Road area at this time.

Since, the Moss Landing battery fire was recent I just don't believe a good disaster plan is in place to protect the citizens, everyone living in the area and emergency responders. Until we have a good understanding of the disaster plan only at that time should we consider passing the rezoning of Minto Road area. So, for now I would ask you not to pass the Minto Road area rezoning.

Thank you for your time and reading my concerns, Dawn Eglinton

From: [Board Of Supervisors](#)
To: [Jesseka Rodriguez](#)
Subject: FW: Thank you
Date: Tuesday, May 20, 2025 1:37:47 PM

From: Dawn Hightree [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, May 20, 2025 6:49 AM
To: Board Of Supervisors <boardofsupervisors@santacruzcountyca.gov>
Subject: Thank you

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Dear Board,

I want to thank you for your support of MHCAN. I hope that there is a path to success at finding funding opportunities to maintain this essential program.

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions or need assistance.

Have a great day!

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From: [Board Of Supervisors](#)
To: [Jesseka Rodriguez](#)
Subject: FW: Corrective Letter To Lookout
Date: Monday, May 19, 2025 3:04:43 PM

From: Cami Corvin [REDACTED] >
Sent: Friday, May 16, 2025 4:28 PM
To: gjensen@ci.capitola.ca.us; JClarke@ci.capitola.ca.us; mmorgan@ci.capitola.ca.us; MORbach@ci.capitola.ca.us; Manu Koenig <Manu.Koenig@santacruzcountyca.gov>; Second District <Second.District@santacruzcountyca.gov>; Justin Cummings <Justin.Cummings@santacruzcountyca.gov>; Felipe Hernandez <Felipe.Hernandez@santacruzcountyca.gov>; Fifth District <Fifth.District@santacruzcountyca.gov>; Board Of Supervisors <boardofsupervisors@santacruzcountyca.gov>; eduardo.montesino@watsonville.gov; cityclerk@watsonville.gov; vanessa.quiroz@watsonville.gov; maria.orozco@watsonville.gov; kristal.salcido@watsonville.gov; casey.clark@watsonville.gov; jimmy.dutra@watsonville.gov; ari.parker@watsonville.gov; fkeeley@santacruzca.gov; Steve Clark <sclark@scottsvally.gov>; gblakeslee@sccrtc.org; Robert Tidmore <Robert.Tidmore@santacruzcountyca.gov>; Jamie Goldstein, City Manager <jgoldstein@ci.capitola.ca.us>; Sarah Christensen <schristensen@sccrtc.org>; pkhattis@santacruzsentinel.com; jesse@santacruzlocal.org; Tania Ortiz <tania@lookoutlocal.com>
Subject: Corrective Letter To Lookout

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I've attached the link to the article from Lookout and my response to this letter.

Corrective Commentary: Setting the Record Straight on RTC, Mobile Home Parks, and June 30

By Cami Corvin

A recent *Lookout Santa Cruz* article reported that the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) is sticking to its June 30 deadline for removing so-called "encroachments" in two mobile home parks along the rail corridor in Capitola and Live Oak. However, the article, based on statements from RTC staff and commissioners, includes several claims that do not reflect the actual situation on the ground and have caused distress for many residents.

As a longtime resident of Castle Mobile Home Estates, I feel a responsibility to clarify what's happening and what's not.

First and most importantly, **no agreement has been made between residents and the RTC**, nor has there been any formal negotiation between RTC staff and the

mobile home park's ownership. In fact, the RTC's legal team has **not yet responded** to the March 25 letter from the attorney representing Castle Mobile Home Estates. That letter lays out serious legal and procedural objections to the RTC's enforcement actions. It remains unanswered.

Despite this, RTC staff have publicly stated that some kind of "collaborative agreement" has been reached with residents to suspend enforcement. **That is simply not true.** There has been **no such agreement**, collaborative or otherwise.

Furthermore, **the RTC completed its boundary survey last year.** Since then, management has asked them not to return to the property, in part to protect residents from additional stress. There are no ongoing inspections, nor any new understanding of boundaries in progress.

What's more troubling is the broader narrative being shaped. Comments have implied that residents are resisting cooperation or that enforcement is inevitable and necessary. This misses the point entirely. Residents have lived here peacefully for decades. Modest fences, shrubs, and backyard features were placed in what people reasonably believed to be their private property. These aren't new structures. They've existed for years, long before the RTC ever bought the corridor. And at no point until recently did anyone suggest they were a problem.

There is **no active lawsuit**, no judicial order, and no legal mandate forcing residents or park owners to tear down anything. Instead, we have a deeply confusing situation created not by residents but by years of inaction, poor communication, and avoidable delay from the RTC itself.

Supervisor Manu Koenig has been one of the few public officials consistently willing to engage with residents directly. He responded promptly to concerns when the RTC staff did not. His comments at the Mobile and Manufactured Home Commission reflected his understanding that no immediate physical removals would occur after June 30. That was helpful and reassuring. But some of the statements attributed to him—particularly regarding agreements and inspections—may have been based on inaccurate or incomplete information provided by RTC staff. It's critical that the Commission and the public hear a clear update based on the facts.

And this brings us to the bigger picture.

When the RTC purchased the corridor in 2012, it **knew** that legal uncertainties would arise along this old, narrow right-of-way. It has had more than a decade to address them, and it has long been aware of **railbanking**—a well-established legal mechanism that could resolve these conflicts by preserving the corridor for future rail use while allowing legal trail development now. Railbanking would clarify property rights, prevent litigation, and protect adjacent homeowners. It is routinely used in other parts of California and across the country for exactly this purpose.

The RTC has had that option all along—and has failed to pursue it.

Instead, it is now threatening legal action that could destabilize two of the last truly affordable housing communities in Santa Cruz County. Between Castle Mobile Estates and Blue & Gold Star, nearly 450 voters live in these parks—many of them seniors, working families, and longtime residents with deep ties to the community.

We keep hearing about the importance of building affordable housing, but what about preserving it?

This situation doesn't require threats. It requires leadership. The RTC should halt enforcement, respond to the outstanding legal concerns, and finally open a transparent discussion about railbanking and/or real solutions. The residents of these parks deserve clarity, not confusion, and respect, not rhetoric.

<https://lookout.co/santa-cruz-county-regional-transportation-commission-stands-firm-on-june-30-deadline-for-mobile-home-residents-to-move-for-coastal-rail-trail/story>



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From: [Board Of Supervisors](#)
To: [Jesseka Rodriguez](#)
Subject: FW: Brown Act "Cure and Correct" Demand Regarding Zoning Administrator Action on May 16, 2025
Date: Thursday, May 29, 2025 7:34:12 AM

From: Caroline Montgomery [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, May 23, 2025 12:12 PM
To: Lezanne Jeffs <Lezanne.Jeffs@santacruzcountycalifornia.gov>; Board Of Supervisors <boardofsupervisors@santacruzcountycalifornia.gov>; Jason Heath <Jason.Heath@santacruzcountycalifornia.gov>
Cc: Scott Montgomery <scmontgom@gmail.com>
Subject: Brown Act "Cure and Correct" Demand Regarding Zoning Administrator Action on May 16, 2025

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To:
Santa Cruz County Zoning Administrator
701 Ocean Street, 4th Floor
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

CC:
County Counsel – Santa Cruz County
Santa Cruz County Planning Commission
Clerk of the Board – Santa Cruz County

Subject: Brown Act "Cure and Correct" Demand Regarding Zoning Administrator Action on May 16, 2025 – Agenda Item #4 (812 Cresta Vista Way, APN 044-171-66, Application #241353)

Dear Zoning Administrator Jeffs,

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54960.1, we submit this formal demand to cure and correct action taken by the Santa Cruz County Zoning Administrator on May 16, 2025, approving Application #241353 for the project located at 812 Cresta Vista Way, Aptos, CA (Agenda Item #4). This demand is based on substantial violations of the Ralph M. Brown Act that deprived the public of timely and adequate notice and a meaningful opportunity to participate in the decision-making process.

1. Brown Act Violation: Failure to Disclose Discretionary Permit Requirement

At the May 16, 2025 hearing, County staff publicly acknowledged for the first time that the subject property is a “sensitive site” as defined under Santa Cruz County Code §13.11.030(I), and that a Sensitive Site Development Permit is required under §13.11.037-1. This critical information was absent from:

- The published agenda
- The staff report
- All other materials provided to the public in advance of the hearing

Despite this late disclosure, the Zoning Administrator proceeded to approve the application without re-noticing the item or allowing the public an opportunity to address this newly identified discretionary permit requirement.

This failure to properly agendize the item—including the additional discretionary determination—violates Government Code §54954.2(a)(1), which mandates that agendas must clearly describe each item of business to be transacted or discussed. The omission denied the public the ability to comment on a significant legal and environmental consideration, undermining the transparency and fairness required by law.

2. Requested Cure and Correct Actions

In accordance with Government Code §54960.1(b), we respectfully request the following corrective measures:

- Vacate the May 16, 2025 approval of Application #241353;
- Re-notice and re-agendize the item for a new public hearing that includes clear disclosure of the Sensitive Site Development Permit requirement;
- Provide a full and fair opportunity for public comment and deliberation on all discretionary permits and related environmental issues.

If these corrective actions are not taken within 30 days of receipt of this letter, we reserve the right to pursue judicial remedies, including a petition for invalidation of the action under Government Code §54960.1(a).

3. Timeliness and Standing

This demand is timely filed within 30 days of the challenged action, as required by Government Code §54960.1(c)(1). The agenda-related defect is facially apparent from the hearing record and materials provided, establishing a valid basis for this notice.

Conclusion

The County’s failure to agendize and disclose a required discretionary permit for a sensitive site constitutes a material violation of the Brown Act. We urge the County to take swift and appropriate action to cure this violation and restore compliance with open meeting requirements.

Please confirm receipt of this letter and advise us of the County’s intent to cure or correct this action within the statutory timeframe.

Sincerely,
Scott & Caroline Montgomery

From: [Board Of Supervisors](#)
To: [Jesseka Rodriguez](#)
Subject: FW: Stop the Haven Development
Date: Friday, May 23, 2025 7:49:29 AM

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

From: Denise [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, May 23, 2025 7:42 AM
To: Board Of Supervisors <boardofsupervisors@santacruzcountyca.gov>
Subject: Stop the Haven Development

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Following is a letter written by a neighbor that sums up our feeling regarding the ill conceived Haven development in Santa Cruz County:

“We have several concerns over The Haven development on Graham Hill Road near Scotts Valley but we are most concerned about fires, about safety and evacuation, and the impact this development will have on Graham Hill and surrounding community. Our climate is changing, the behavior of fire has only intensified. We should never forget and certainly we should learn from the devastation and lives lost in the Oakland Hills fire in the 1991 and since then. We bring up the Oakland Tunnel Fire because back then it was termed a wildland-urban interface fire. The Haven development is also in a wildland-urban area, where human development and wildland vegetation meet. More and more fires today are in these types of areas.

We all have a responsibility to protect communities from fires as best we can by having the roads and infrastructure necessary to allow for safe passage. The current residential area surrounding Lockwood Lane will literally be sandwiched between two new developments - The Haven, with 157 houses and 34 townhouses on Graham Hill, and Valley Gardens, with 196 houses on Mt Hermon Rd. People living in that area have to use either Graham Hill Rd or Mt Hermon Rd to enter and exit their homes. With Graham Hill and Mt Hermon being main arteries for people travelling in and out of San Lorenzo Valley and Scotts Valley, it will be nearly impossible for those who rely on Lockwood Lane to exit safely.

Here are some examples of devastating wildland-urban interface fires and their effects and why we should take note, learn and change the course of where and how we build developments.

Palisades Fire - Jan 7- Jan 31, 2025:

Deaths: 12

Structures destroyed: 6837, including 5419 homes Acres burned: 23,448 Cost of damage: \$28 – 53.8 billion between both Palisades and Eaton fires (in 2025 dollars)

Eaton Fire - Jan 7- Jan 31, 2025:

Deaths: 18

Structures destroyed 9418, including 6011 homes Acres burned: 14,021 Cost of damage: \$28 – 53.8 billion between both Palisades and Eaton fires(in 2025 dollars)

CZU Fire – Aug 16 – Sept 22, 2020

Deaths: 1

Structures burned: 1490, including 697 homes Acres burned: 86,509 Cost of damage: \$68+ million (in 2020 dollars)

Camp Fire/Paradise area - Nov 8 – Nov 25, 2018:

Deaths: 85

Structures: 18,804, including 9000 homes Acres burned: 153,336 Cost of damage: \$16.65 billion (in 2018 dollars)

Tubbs Fire – Santa Rosa/Calistoga - Oct 8 -Oct 31, 2017:

Deaths: 22

Structures destroyed: 5643, including 2800 homes Acres burned: 36,807 Cost of damage: \$1.3 billion (in 2017 dollars)

Oakland Tunnel Fire – Oct 19 – Oct 31 1991

Deaths: 25

Structures destroyed: 2843 homes

Acres burned: 1520

Cost of damage: \$2.99 billion (in 2024 dollars)”

I would add that, although not in California, the Lahaina fire is a tragic example of what can happen when gridlock and wildfires intersect. Please stop the Haven development. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Denise Fritsch

Ben Lomond

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From: [Board Of Supervisors](#)
To: [Jesseka Rodriguez](#)
Subject: FW: Large Battery storage facilities in Watsonville
Date: Tuesday, May 20, 2025 1:21:12 PM

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

From: Joe Andrade [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, May 19, 2025 6:28 PM
To: Board Of Supervisors <boardofsupervisors@santacruzcountyca.gov>
Subject: Large Battery storage facilities in Watsonville

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Hello, my name is Joseph Andrade Junior. I am a resident in Watsonville. I am very concerned about large battery storage facilities in Santa Cruz County. I do understand the need for clean energy and I myself have solar on my home. I understand California has agreed to develop battery storage throughout the state in the next 2 decades? I believe this should be done at a residential level versus a large company level like we've seen with Vistra ?These large companies are making a lot of money and pose health and safety threats to the community from where they profit!

The permit process should include benefits to residence that live in the area ? My property taxes are very high and go up annually while these large companies are able to profit from doing hazardous and unsafe business near our homes. I do feel if they are allowed to do this anywhere in Santa Cruz County they should be required to pay part of the residential property taxes in which they plan to build their facility. They also should be restricted on the size of these and find a way to put these batteries in residential homes versus large areas where they become a toxic fire hazard to everybody, including the supervisors that live in this area. Please include fees and taxes that deter this type of practice. Also, the permit process should entail restrictions that do not allow for huge mega storage without complete containment and to do this properly , they need to be limit the size so that it can be contained and immediately extinguished if they accidentally catch fire ?

Please email me or contact me if you have any questions.

Sent from my iPhone



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HEALTH CENTERS DIVISION

Integrated Behavioral Health

1080 Emeline Avenue, Santa Cruz CA 95060

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DATE: May 8, 2025

FROM: Dimitri Bacos, MD (Psychiatric Medical Director at Santa Cruz HSA, Clinics Division)

RE: request for reclassification of open psychiatrist position to a Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner position

To Whom it May Concern:

This is a letter requesting that our open Psychiatrist position be changed to a Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP) because we have a willing candidate currently wanting to join our Integrated Behavioral Health (IBH) team.

As the Psychiatric Medical Director for IBH in Clinics, I have been thinking proactively about maintaining psychiatric services in a safe and equitable manner as we lose our two contractor (locum) psychiatrists assigned to South County.

I have been informed that IBH will no longer have monies dedicated to supporting locum tenens contract psychiatrists for our program starting July 1st. Therefore our 2 locum psychiatrists will be leaving us, they represent 34 hours of service per week, 0.85 FTE. They were both assigned to South County. One of the locum psychiatrists who is leaving is fluent in Spanish.

I have also been informed that we are losing our open Psychiatrist position because it has remained open for many years with no one on the hiring list for many, many months.

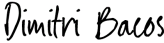
I propose that we change our open Psychiatrist position to a Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner position, we would be able to hire internally someone who is certified for expanded scope of practice (not needing Psychiatrist sign-off for direct patient care). She is fluent in Spanish and would be able to work in South County as a

.85 FTE and thus would allow for IBH to maintain capacity and quality of services in South County.


Also, we would be not only maintaining equity for that patient population, but we would be able to improve the equity of services rendered since our Spanish speaking capacity would be increased compared to what we currently have with our 2 locum psychiatrists (we have one locum psychiatrist working 12 hours per week who is a Spanish speaker, the other is not bilingual).

If this request to reclassify the open psychiatrist position into a PMHNP position is possible, we will be able to continue our services without compromising safety, quality and equity by bringing onboard a highly competent and experienced PMHNP who is fluent in Spanish.


Sincerely,
Dr Dimitri Bacos


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Friends,

Germany came out of World War II, emulating the American voting system. The West-Germans copied our system exactly how we are holding elections, but they did not consider it sufficient enough. They made one change in their voting system.

- They vote in districts, each with a single winner, just like us.
- They organized themselves in a Federation of various States, just like us.

Yet what they did extra:

- They looked at all votes cast and wanted all votes represented, not just the winning majority in a district.

Obviously, they were real tired of fascism and did not want fascism to come back. They did not want a single winner to come out on top, and take over, ever again.

Yet they also could not stay with Thomas Jefferson voting system that had led to Adolf Hitler getting his mandate. During the interbellum with Thomas Jefferson's voting system in place, there were simply too many parties with seats. Particularly the parties in the center were not powerful enough to govern with force while economic trouble was occurring. Both the Communist Party and the Fascist Party were equally large and strong.

Hitler's Nazi Party never got the majority of votes in any German election; yet during the economically difficult years, power was handed to that party by those in the center because the ones in the center could not be powerful themselves.

So, after World War II, the Germans improved their system, which gave Germans their political freedoms back, while also taming the abundance of parties that had undermined their democracy and that had led to a global disaster.

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The United States is at a crossroads. Not because the system is broken all of a sudden. What was imperfect about our voting system simply met up with a perfect storm. Or, said differently, the rest of the world caught up with our progress and they are challenging the USA both from without and from within. We are facing stiff competition.

- Our current voting system is put to a global test and it is not performing all that well. The USA is competing directly with global non-democratic nations and as a side-effect we are emulating their basic non-democratic aspects. It is a logical approach, but it undermines who we are as a nation.

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The Federal voting system is not the one that is imperfect. It is actually perfect, but it is perfect only when all parts of the US Constitution are put in place as described.

Today, too many parts are not following the US Constitution (while many think they are). State and local levels are not performing well at all, and I challenge you to look up voter turnout across the United States for state and local elections.

- There is no lower voter turnout anywhere in a democracy in the world than here with our state and local levels, happy exceptions notwithstanding.

Today, American voters must pick red, blue, or purple/gray in the voting booth to be represented. That is not interesting enough at state and local levels. We are totally ruled by two parties -- at all levels. The voters are staying home in incredible numbers because the voting system does not empower them enough.

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Are we doomed?

Not if we can get back to the foundation of our nation.

The US Constitution is bifurcated.

A: The original US Constitution was of a lesser standard than what the Founding Fathers had wanted. Yet they had to agree to all thirteen colonies' individual demands, because a divided USA could not have withstood British power.

B: The Bill of Rights is the immediate response of establishing the higher standards that could not get captured in the original US Constitution.

So, we are a nation of **two systems**, and both systems should not operate the same way. One is that lower level and prescribed, but the other system should embody the higher standards.

Today, both systems are operating at the lower standards of the original US Constitution. Meanwhile, everyone tells each other that we are the nation with the highest standards in the world. Obviously, we are not a real democracy in the true sense of the word. We are not a nation run by the people, because we have voters compete with voters for their representation.

- That is automatically not a democracy.

In Belgium, the majority of voters and the majority of the political decision makers align. Sixty percent of the decision makers represent close to sixty percent of all voters as well.

In the USA, only the majority of voters pick all representatives. Then, just the majority of the representatives make all decisions.

Belgium: majority rule.

USA: *majority rule x majority rule* = **minority rule**.

The majority decisions made by our representatives are not based on the majority of the voters. When sixty percent of the voters get a representative, and sixty percent of the representatives make the decision, then that is $.6 \times .6 = .36$, an obvious **minority** decision.

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American voters have learned to vote with their feet. You treat them bad, they go elsewhere. But if there is not an 'elsewhere' to go to, then the American people will bide their time. And when the time comes, they will vote in a negative manner.

That is where our system needs fixing because today it is half-broken.

The Federal level cannot get fixed. Yet the state and local levels can get fixed in as little as five minutes.

The US Constitution is completely ready (and according to the Friends of Local Revolutions was intentionally set up this way) to embrace political emancipation at state and local levels.

The Federal restrictions stay in place, but the state and local straight-jackets go out the door. And if you read the Bill of Rights, then it should be obvious how that is exactly what the Founding Fathers intended. They wanted US citizens to have their inalienable rights upheld.

The Federal level in the USA is stricter than what they have in Germany, but at state and local levels we should have Thomas Jefferson's clean voting system in place. The combination of both strict & fair systems is what can make us the envy of the world once more.

Fred-Rick Schermer

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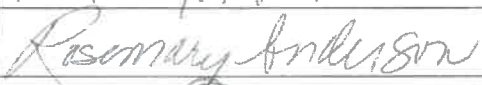

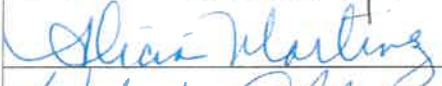
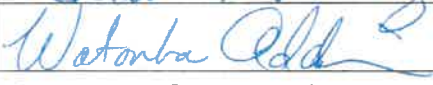

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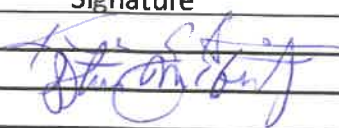
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14 de abril de 2025

Estimados supervisores,

NOSOTROS, los abajo firmantes, creemos firmemente que las instalaciones de sistemas de almacenamiento de energía en baterías (BESS, por sus siglas en inglés) que utilizan litio en *cualquiera* de sus formas son demasiado peligrosas para que nuestro condado las permita y, por la presente, les pedimos que aprueben una moratoria temporal para los BESS de litio y que tomen otras medidas que se solicitan a continuación.

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Por lo tanto, pedimos respetuosamente que su Consejo apruebe de inmediato una moratoria temporal sobre el litio BESS para proteger la salud y la seguridad de nuestras comunidades y el medio ambiente. Existen otras tecnologías BESS seguras que el condado de Santa Cruz debería considerar, y que podrían ser evaluadas por un Comité Asesor Técnico que su Junta debería convocar inmediatamente para celebrar sesiones de estudio abiertas al público.

Le pedimos a su Junta que le dé prioridad a la seguridad y la salud de nuestras comunidades y nuestro medio ambiente reuniendo las mejores y más innovadoras recomendaciones disponibles para orientar la formación del inminente Distrito Combinado de BESS y la Ordenanza de BESS e incluir una supervisión ciudadana significativa y eficaz.

Nosotros, los abajo firmantes, solicitamos por la presente a su Junta que apruebe una moratoria inmediata sobre los sistemas BESS de escala industrial basados en litio en el condado de Santa Cruz. Por favor, responda.

Proporcionaremos una copia de cortesía de esta Petición al Ayuntamiento de Watsonville.

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Robert D. LaSaver

Junta de Supervisores del Condado de Santa Cruz
701 Ocean Street
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

14 de abril de 2025

Estimados supervisores,

NOSOTROS, los abajo firmantes, creemos firmemente que las instalaciones de sistemas de almacenamiento de energía en baterías (BESS, por sus siglas en inglés) que utilizan litio en *cualquiera* de sus formas son demasiado peligrosas para que nuestro condado las permita y, por la presente, les pedimos que aprueben una moratoria temporal para los BESS de litio y que tomen otras medidas que se solicitan a continuación.

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Por lo tanto, pedimos respetuosamente que su Consejo apruebe de inmediato una moratoria temporal sobre el litio BESS para proteger la salud y la seguridad de nuestras comunidades y el medio ambiente. Existen otras tecnologías BESS seguras que el condado de Santa Cruz debería considerar, y que podrían ser evaluadas por un Comité Asesor Técnico que su Junta debería convocar inmediatamente para celebrar sesiones de estudio abiertas al público.

Le pedimos a su Junta que le dé prioridad a la seguridad y la salud de nuestras comunidades y nuestro medio ambiente reuniendo las mejores y más innovadoras recomendaciones disponibles para orientar la formación del inminente Distrito Combinado de BESS y la Ordenanza de BESS e incluir una supervisión ciudadana significativa y eficaz.

Nosotros, los abajo firmantes, solicitamos por la presente a su Junta que apruebe una moratoria inmediata sobre los sistemas BESS de escala industrial basados en litio en el condado de Santa Cruz. Por favor, responda.

Proporcionaremos una copia de cortesía de esta Petición al Ayuntamiento de Watsonville.

Respetuosamente:

NOMBRE (en letra de imprenta)	DIRECCIÓN/ E-MAIL	FIRMA
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Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors
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affecting to Spanish low income people!

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Elva Montes *elva.montes@sbcglobal.net* *Elva Montes*

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Carlos Ruiz	Carlos Ruiz @ Gmail.com	Carlos Ruiz
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To the Santa Cruz Board of Supervisors,

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We saw the damage that took place with fire and wind in Los Angeles and realized how fortunate we are that when Moss Landing plants were burning, there was no great wind or we would have experienced a fate like southern California. Thank you, Shirley Flores Munoz

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(Dianna Ramirez)	131 Mora St
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Bruce Glass	25 Trembley Lane, Watsonville
(Beatriz Collazo)	104 Onyx Dr Watsonville
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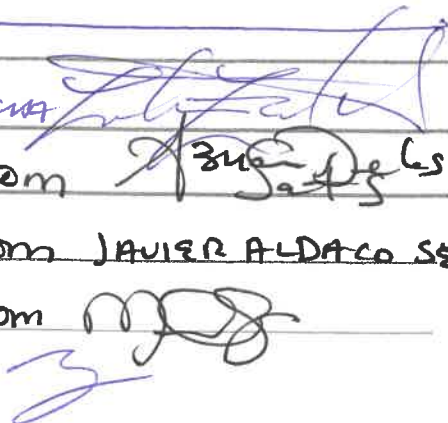
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Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors
701 Ocean Street
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

May 12, 2025

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Sincerely,



Name (please print clearly): FRANK GRAY

E-mail / address:

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Esto me parece un claro ejemplo de inequidad social.

Las reuniones comunitarias han sido insuficientes para que la población pueda informarse adecuadamente sobre el proyecto de Seahawk Energy, la ordenanza propuesta por el Condado, o los otros sitios identificados en Aptos y Santa Cruz para futuros proyectos BESS.

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Nuestro Condado necesita una ordenanza que incluya directrices claras sobre rutas de evacuación en zonas con instalaciones BESS, y que proteja nuestros vecindarios residenciales, tierras agrícolas, recursos hídricos, centros comunitarios de evacuación como el Recinto Ferial del Condado de Santa Cruz y centros médicos.

El Condado no debe apresurarse en este proceso.

Atentamente,

Nombre en letra de imprenta:

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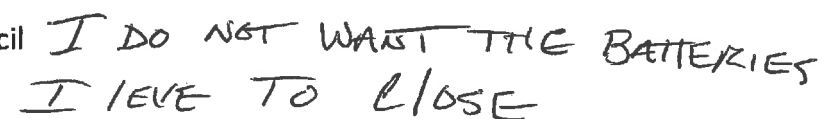
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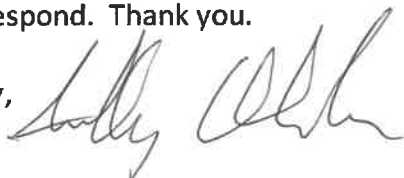
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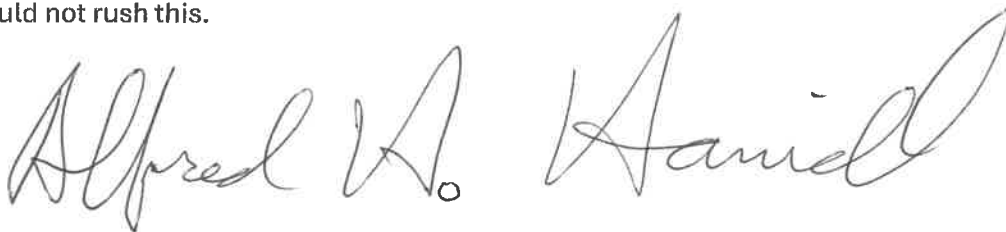
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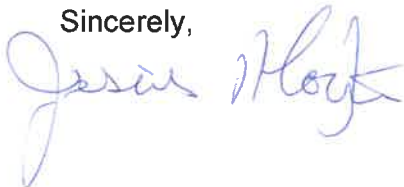
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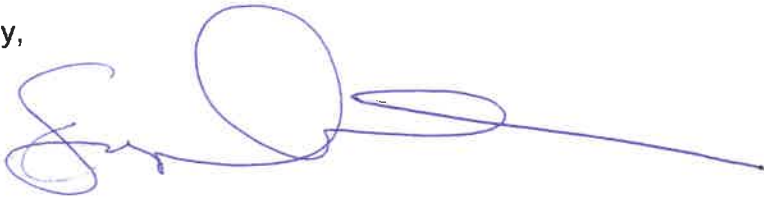
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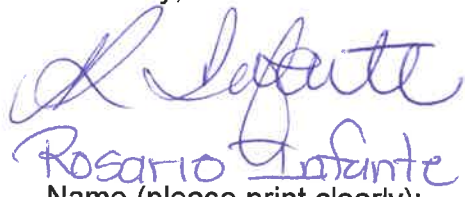
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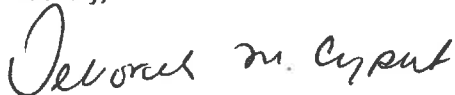
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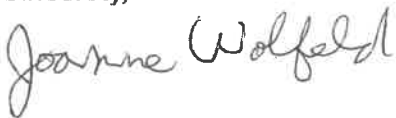
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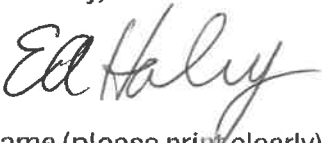
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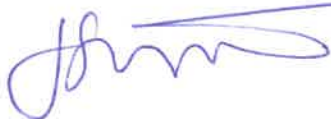
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Sincerely,



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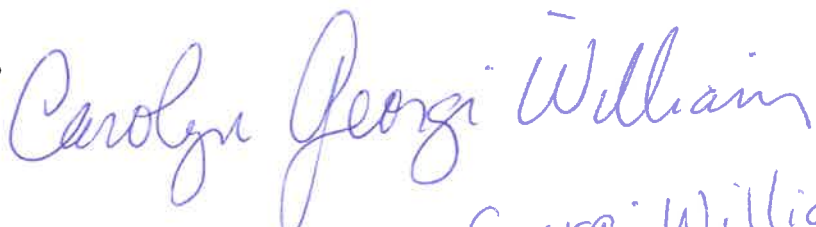
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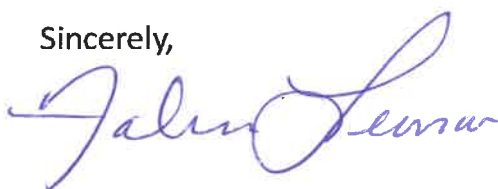
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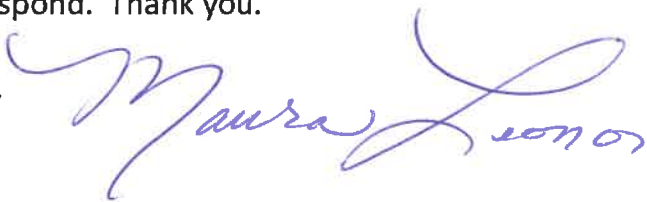
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Junta de Supervisores del Condado de Santa Cruz
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Estimados supervisores,

Creo firmemente que las instalaciones de sistemas de almacenamiento de energía en baterías (BESS, por sus siglas en inglés) que utilizan litio en *cualquiera* de sus formas son demasiado peligrosas para que nuestro condado las permita.

Soy consciente de que en o antes del 9 de septiembre de 2025, se considerará la aprobación de una nueva Ordenanza para crear un distrito combinado para el sistema de almacenamiento de energía en baterías (BESS) que actualmente incluye tres parcelas en el Condado (Watsonville, Aptos y Santa Cruz).

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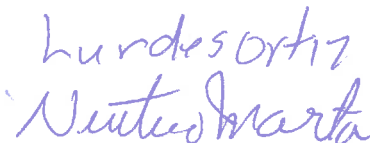
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To: [Jesseka Rodriguez](#)
Subject: FW: Prohibit BESS Facilities in Santa Cruz County
Date: Monday, May 19, 2025 3:06:32 PM

From: Kathy Campbell [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, May 17, 2025 6:42 PM
To: Board Of Supervisors <boardofsupervisors@santacruzcountyca.gov>
Cc: Kathy Campbell <tanoboytoo@gmail.com>
Subject: Prohibit BESS Facilities in Santa Cruz County

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Dear Supervisors:

I am writing to you because I am deeply concerned about BESS facilities in Santa Cruz County. Apparently New Leaf Energy Inc/Sequoia Energy Storage LLC has proposed a lithium ion battery storage facility under the project name of Seahawk to be situated at 90 Minto Rd in Watsonville (Santa Cruz County - application #241473)). I am asking you to PLEASE do whatever is necessary to halt the forward movement of this project. Although I agree that we need to move towards more sustainable energy sources and reduce our carbon footprint, this BESS project is NOT the way to go about it.

In light of the recent disastrous fire at Moss Landing in Monterey County (which is not very far from this proposed Seahawk project), it is evident that the safety standards of BESS facilities are not yet where they need to be for them to be placed in highly populated residential areas, such as the Minto Rd site in Watsonville. As I am sure you are aware, Minto Rd is surrounded by multiple elementary schools, hospitals, senior living facilities, community centers, and more. This is NOT the place to put a BESS facility that does not yet have a proven safety record! If there were another fire or explosion, the health impacts to the community could be catastrophic.

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wide economy would take a huge hit. Who would want to buy produce laden with heavy metals and toxins?

Thirdly, a BESS facility should NOT be placed in or near pristine natural habitats. Both Santa Cruz and Monterey Counties are world renown for their beautiful coastline. It is a travesty that the Moss Landing fire has spewed toxic smoke into the air, water and soil of the Elkhorn Slough Reserve and the Monterey Bay! We are supposed to be stewards of the ocean and these ecosystems, protecting all the birds, fish, dolphins, otters, seals, and other wildlife who call this area home!

While I sit here writing you this letter, the studies assessing the damage done by the Moss Landing fire are far from complete, yet more BESS facilities are being proposed nearby??? This is completely unacceptable. Until BESS facilities have a PROVEN safety record, they do NOT belong in Santa Cruz or Monterey Counties or anywhere where people and the surrounding environment can be irrevocably harmed.

Finally, I'd like to comment on one more thing. Supposedly the BESS facility being proposed at Minto Rd in Watsonville is being touted as safer than the Moss Landing facility because it would use LFP (lithium, iron phosphate) batteries rather than NMC (nickel, manganese, cobalt) ones. But I don't believe LFP batteries are safer. They are just trading one potential disaster for another. It seems LFP batteries do have a lower risk of fire and thermal runaway than NMC batteries. This is good. However, they can still catch fire. And if they do, the LFP batteries have a much higher chance of exploding. Then not only would fire fighters have to deal with a fire that they can't put out, but they would be put in extreme danger from potential explosions.

Do we really want to put our community under such a threat? PLEASE take a moment and slow this whole thing down!! I am confident that in the future we will find a way to store clean, safe energy. But PLEASE do not put these BESS facilities in our communities UNTIL they have a long, clean safety record.

Thank you for your time,

Kathleen Campbell

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Watsonville, CA 95076

From: [Board Of Supervisors](#)
To: [Jesseka Rodriguez](#)
Subject: FW: HSA Clinicians and Psychiatrists concerns regarding elimination of lab, radiology, and mental health services
Date: Thursday, May 15, 2025 11:01:00 AM

From: John Lipson <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, May 14, 2025 10:01 AM
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Subject: HSA Clinicians and Psychiatrists concerns regarding elimination of lab, radiology, and mental health services

May 14, 2025

Dear Members of the Board of Supervisors,

We are the Clinic Physicians and Psychiatrists of Santa Cruz County, serving at Santa Cruz Health Center, Watsonville Health Center, and the Homeless Persons Health Project. We are writing to you, along with our Nurse Practitioner and Physician Assistant colleagues, to express our serious clinical concerns and strong disagreement with HSA Management's proposal to eliminate our Laboratory and Radiology services and decrease our Mental Health Care services. We have repeatedly asked HSA Management to discuss our concerns, offering in good faith to address the many negative consequences of this proposal, but they have rejected us at every attempt.

We, too, are very concerned about the County's budget crisis and need to achieve a balanced budget, and we have offered to help achieve that goal. **However, HSA Management's proposal will not meet that goal, and will actually worsen the budget crisis.** In addition, this proposal will render us unable to care for our patients to the standard necessary to meet even their minimum needs, increasing costs and putting medical providers at increased liability.

We fully acknowledge and support HSA Management's responsibility and duty as stewards of the HSA Budget, and in no way aim to usurp that role. However, we are medical and mental health providers with years of training and experience--individually and collectively--that HSA Management does not have, and their proposal directly affects clinical care. With due respect, HSA Management does not fully grasp the clinical necessity of having these tools on-site and readily available, and we simply cannot do our jobs without them. In addition, as we have expressed to them, cutting these services will cause HSA to lose income because they are so necessary for our patients.

HSA Management only told us of this proposal on April 22, 2025, giving us very little time to address concerns that they had not considered. It was immediately clear to

us that **this proposal will undermine their goal of balancing the budget, in addition to clinical and liability considerations.** Clinicians and UAPD quickly reached out to Management with these concerns and repeatedly expressed individual and collective willingness to work with them to address these concerns. Management's only response was to direct us to address it through the Union--which we did--only to be told by County Personnel that we cannot address this issue because they claim it is not "within the scope of bargaining since the decision to close lab/radiology does not directly affect wages, hours and working conditions of the Clinic Physicians and Psychiatrists." While we strongly disagree with this assessment, our concerns are specifically clinical and pertain to the budget crisis. Therefore, we are writing to you directly.

At the end of this letter, we have attached some of the specific issues that we brought to HSA Management. We hope this attachment can help the each of you better understand the consequences of the proposal, consequences which HSA Management has not addressed.

Here is a brief summary of issues:

- 1) Our patient population is medically and psychosocially very complex, not comparable to a population at community or private clinics, and our patients' medical and mental health needs cannot be addressed without these services on-site.
- 2) We will lose many patients who come to County clinics only because we have these services. We know this because so many of our patients have expressly stated that is why they use our clinics. This, obviously, will cause us to lose income-generating visits.
- 3) We will fail to meet revenue-generating incentives and practice standards because many patients cannot do labs off site and because we will lose many patients to other clinics.
- 4) Management has stated that these services do not bring in revenue and, therefore, should be eliminated. We strongly disagree. There are many positions in HSA that do not generate revenue, from the lowest pay-grade to upper management. Lab, radiology, and mental health indirectly generate more revenue than many--perhaps all--of these other positions.
- 5) Providers at the County care for high risk patients, many of them in unstable medical and mental health conditions, and unstable socially. Without services readily accessible we will have worse patient outcomes and more adverse events. It will increase the risk of liability and licensing board discipline for providers, which would also cost the County.
- 6) The County has almost no ability to customize the electronic health record (EHR) that we use for patient management. On-site access to lab and radiology staff is essential to enabling us to order labs and imaging specifically for our EHR.

7) A huge number of our patients need mental health services and the complexity of their care is beyond the scope of clinic providers. The loss of mental health providers to manage medications and/or provide therapy will lead to significantly worse outcomes for patients, in their mental health and medical care.

These points are a brief, but incomplete, summary of our concerns, and we hope that you will have the opportunity to read some of the questions we have asked management, which we included at the end of this letter.

We thank you for your consideration of our concerns and ask that you do not hesitate to reach out to us. All of us are available to clarify or explain any of these issues or address any further questions any of you may have at any time.

Our goal is only to help the County address the budget crisis and meet our patients needs. We each stand willing and ready to help the Board and HSA Management in any way we can, and hope that our clinical expertise and experience can be of use to each of you as you address this crisis.

Sincerely,

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Attachment: List of concerns from Clinicians/Psychiatrists to HSA Management

ATTACHMENT

Specific Concerns Raised by Clinical Staff to HSA Management (this is not an exhaustive list of all questions voiced by providers and our coworkers, and some are edited for clarity and length)

- 1) We are concerned about all clinics' ability to meet CCAH Care Based Incentives if we lose access to lab services and radiology on site. This is a major source of income, and we will no longer meet these incentives if we don't have lab and radiology services accessible.
- 2) Barriers are already so high for all our patients, especially at HPHP. The vast majority of these patients will not go to another site for urgent lab work, or labs that need special handling, and therefore can't be drawn by one of our MA phlebotomists and sent over to Quest. It is hard enough just to get my patients at HPHP to go to Emeline for urgent radiology to avoid ED visits.
- 3) Staffing an ortho clinic without instant access to x-ray is not efficacious and may compromise our ability to continue to provide this service in the long term.
- 4) An increase in the "no show" rate based on patient perceived lower service quality and access to care.
- 5) This will increase the risk of our patients missing their follow up visits because of the burden on our patients to go elsewhere to get labs and X-rays.
- 6) The electronic health record (EHR) has endless order options, but the majority are not available to us. The lab staff are the only ones able to help us. How will management ensure that the EHR is tailored exactly to what we need if we don't have lab staff?
- 7) There are labs that we order only rarely and have to talk to lab personnel to get those labs added on to the EHR. Who will we turn to in this situation?
- 8) How will we deal with our urgent care model? We often need to send patients directly to the lab since some of these are acutely ill patients with potentially life threatening conditions. Will we turn away these people and send them to urgent care clinics and the ER?
- 9) How will we have adequate staff to interface with an outside lab directly? Clinicians and medical assistants cannot do this and run a clinic at the same time. As it is now, we can call the lab and get direct help.
- 10) How will management ensure that we do not see patients with acute conditions that require imaging? We will not be able to do an adequate assessment and will delay their care only to send them elsewhere.
- 11) How will clinicians be able to view the images that we order? We are responsible

and liable for images that we order and need to see XRays that we order. Further, it erodes clinicians' skills to not be able to review imaging.

12) Many of our patients are homeless, have no transportation, or unstable economically and psychosocially. Many of our patients voice fear of other clinics/medical establishments for a host of good reasons. We care for many vulnerable and resource-restricted residents. Many of them simply can't get to a lab or imaging center off site.

13) Many community clinics do not have lab services nor Xray on site. However, they do not provide for the large number of marginalized and medically complex patients we do (indeed, many patients have left the local small community clinics to come here because we can do so much more).

14) If Watsonville no longer has psychiatry on site, how will the patients who need to see them in person be cared for?

15) Primary care physicians lack the expertise to manage patients that require psychiatry. Telehealth is often not viable for these patients. This is risking harm for patients and putting clinicians in unsustainable and risky positions.

16) At an outside lab, patients will have to make an appointment, and usually a week or two out from scheduling is the norm.

1. If a "walk in" appointment is needed a typical wait of 1 to 3 hours *without* a guarantee to be drawn or seen is also the norm.
2. Rescheduling follow-up appointments due to delays in Lab work will be rampant.
3. Patient frustration will increase due to "commercial attitude" of inexperienced staff in handling the special needs of our patient population, resulting in patient refusal to get labs done.

17) Per our lab supervisor: "I must say that I worked with over 300 phlebotomists in Northern California when I was a Regional Trainer at Quest and ALL the Lab Staff here are, by far, in the Highest Tier in skill, customer service, and compassion for our patients!!!!!!!"

18) There will be no direct contact (a knowledgeable person who understands testing needs) for questions regarding what collection supplies to use, what transport temperature to send a specimen in for testing, and what source can or cannot be collected for a specific test etc...

19). Orders will need to be placed differently in our EHR than the process currently being used now, what is the process to set this up and deal with problems?

20) How will the daily communications from the Reference Lab be resolved with regards to the tests and orders that are in question, which delay or prevent results from being reported.

21) How are the changes to the tests at our reference Lab (they are in constant flux

with changing test codes, specimen requirements, methodology etc...) to be constantly updated in the EHR so that providers are ordering correctly, or who would know if a test is available to order that a provider would need that may not be clearly available in the EHR?

22) How are we to handle specimens that may need to be collected in the clinic during an Office Visit? This includes specialized knowledge of correct equipment for different collection types and correctly storing and transporting specimens.

22) "I question the ability for us to maintain, if this is passed, what our Mission is here at Santa Cruz County Health Services Agency which is to 'Promote and ensure a healthy community and environment by providing education, outreach and comprehensive health services in an inclusive and accessible manner.'"

From: [Board Of Supervisors](#)
To: [Jesseka Rodriguez](#)
Subject: FW: I oppose The Haven
Date: Thursday, May 22, 2025 8:53:56 AM

From: kjames@cruzio.com <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, May 22, 2025 7:20 AM
To: Board Of Supervisors <boardofsupervisors@santacruzcountyca.gov>; Joe Serrano <Joe.Serrano@santacruzcountyca.gov>; Joe Serrano <Joe.Serrano@santacruzcountyca.gov>
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Save The Sandhills! Tell Local Officials You Oppose "The Haven"- a 157 unit development, on a 40 acre Sandhills site by Henry Cowell Redwoods State Park! Even if you've done so already, please contact SCC Board of Supervisors, SCC Planning, & LAFCO (emails below). They need to be reminded that the people do not want a Sandhills habitat & puma corridor destroyed for a high-density development that will decimate endangered species, strain the water supply, lengthen daily commutes, increase traffic risk, & impede fire evacuations - all for a few "affordable in name only" housing units. (This area has no walkability or transit line; & the fire insurance, in this high-risk zone, would be considerable). We do not think sacrificing 600 trees for 600 parking spaces is a good trade for Santa Cruz County! Imagine the impact we'd have, if all of us sent off these emails. There is Power in Numbers! Thank You!

Wrong project for this location....

Kathryn James
Ben Lomond

From: [Board Of Supervisors](#)
To: [Jesseka Rodriguez](#)
Subject: FW: safety concern
Date: Thursday, May 29, 2025 7:39:30 AM
Attachments: [church letter.pdf](#)

From: Dawn McCarty <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, May 23, 2025 11:07 AM
To: Board Of Supervisors <boardofsupervisors@santacruzcountycalifornia.gov>
Subject: safety concern

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Hello county supervisors,

My name is Dawn McCarty. I am writing to you in advocacy of my family's safety, well-being, and privacy. The St. John's House near Seacliff Skate Park seeks to build a transitional housing apartment building. The cause is amazing, the program is well thought out, and the community would really benefit.

The issue, is they've chosen to place their two story 10 unit transitional living apartment building directly at the fence line of the seabreeze town home community with zero regard for others. They discretely planned their building and did not notify or include their direct neighbors in the planning process prior to the social media notification. They are justifying their actions under the name of community cause and God. They in a sense have taken California Senate Bill 4 to execute their agenda in an incredibly selfish way. I understand this is their property, but considering they're looking to house such an at risk community means they really should be thinking about their neighbors. A community string on the facebook page Aptosia has a lot of great information they're releasing to the community since public awareness was anonymously provided.

My family and I have lived in our single story townhome for 6 years. It was a huge accomplishment being able to purchase this unit as a middle class family in a very expensive town. They wish to place their 2 story building right at my small yard's fence line. Without a doubt, this will severely drop my property value which plays a huge role in our financial security. I have a 4 yr old and a 7 year old who freely play and like to rip off their clothing in the backyard in the summertime and run through the sprinklers. I have a hot tub which came with

the purchase of my property which I WILL NOT feel comfortable being in, under the birds eye view of the at risk tenants living within this building. I am the most affected by their building as proven in the letter I received from them yesterday. I purchased my townhome thinking my family and I were entitled to security and safety. The placement of this building is placing my family and I at a very high risk.

Eliza Linley has publicly admitted on the Aptosia site that she's choosing to put up this building in my neighbor's and my backyard because it's the most cost effective for them.

My neighbors and I do not understand how we have zero rights or say in this matter considering they will be housing such an at-risk community, who will be looking directly into the homes and yards of my close neighbors and myself. They are basically forcing my neighbors and I to live with their transitional housing residents, people I do not know, people who battle addiction, mental health, potential sex offenders, and who knows what else....

Are any of you able to speak with them? Are there other grants you can connect them to that would allow them to afford to place their building in another section of their property that places their neighbors at the least amount of risk? I will absolutely help them raise more money! I do believe in community and the assistance to the underprivileged!

I would like to reiterate that I and my neighbors support their cause, but we have legitimate concern for our own safety/wellbeing and privacy regarding their planned placement of this building. Thank you for the time spent in reading this email. I've attached the letter they've sent me and can send their proposal in a separate email upon request as the file is entirely too large for this email. Your review, interest and support would be greatly appreciated.

In community support, awareness, and advocacy,

Dawn McCarty

A solid black rectangular box used to redact the signature of Dawn McCarty.

We're sorry we missed you

St. John's Church is planning to build a two-story apartment building of 10 units on the north east corner of our campus. Your home will be the most visually affected by this project for low-income residents, and we would like to personally visit with you and talk about how we might mitigate the effects.

We were caught off guard when news of the project appeared on Facebook as we thought it proper to start the conversation with Seabreeze's HOA President and your Property Manager. After several weeks of back and forth we haven't been offered get any dates or times to meet, so we hope to meet with you directly.

Email me if you are interested in meeting and we can share a more detailed understanding of the building's features for discussion.

If you would rather, please, attend the informational meeting we will be having this Sunday at 5pm at the Church which will a broader conversation about the building, who we hope to house and how it will be managed.

With Regards,



Jon Showalter



From: Board Of Supervisors
To: Jessica Rodriguez
Subject: FW: Concerning issues w cannabis control re dennis hunter, Ryan long, and Nathan kern
Date: Thursday, May 22, 2025 2:31:13 PM

From: philT monx [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, May 22, 2025 10:56 AM
To: James Dyer <James.Dyer@santacruzcountycalifornia.gov>; Board Of Supervisors <boardofsupervisors@santacruzcountycalifornia.gov>; bos@sonoma-county.org; First District <First.District@santacruzcountycalifornia.gov>; Julie Ruhlin <Julie.Ruhlin@oigroup.com>; michael.mckinley@watsonville.gov; vick.west@santacruzcountycalifornia.gov; whitney.barnes@santacruzcountycalifornia.gov
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Posting now... re your claim I'm not able record, your mistaken I'm in a one side consenting state firstly, Secondly you have zero expectations of privacy acting as an official and county employee.. gladly will file a tort for that goofy freek out.
I expect to hear from your privacy officer to mitigate the active threat harm and liability ken tassel has proven.
I'll follow with links to all parties I feel are of concern..
Sort of the long..STOP HURTING ME STOP TRYING RETALIATORY EXTORT ME FROM REPORTING AND DOCUMENTING YOUR COUNTIES LIABILITIES TO MYSELF AND THE PUBLIC AT LARGE...
go ahead check w your county council...glad to post because I'm forced to by your employees out compliance.. I'm comfortable of my hipa concerns thumping your meritless claim and demand to not record... have an adult contact me. Tiered of the games and attempts that you know well ate not going result constructively or positively

On Wed, May 21, 2025, 3:29 PM Liability <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Hello,

In your email you mention the desire to "FILE TORT TO COMPENSATE ME FOR THE HARM AND BURDEN". To file a claim for money or damages for injury, property damage, or loss against the County of Sonoma, please fill out a claim form as required by California Government Code Sections [905](#) and [915](#).

Attached is a County of Sonoma Claim Form for your use, along with instructions for filing a claim. Please include all pertinent information relating to your claim, including any supporting documentation such as estimates, reports, receipts, and photographs.

Your claim and any supporting documentation should be submitted to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors by US Mail or hand delivery (**please note claim submission is not available via email**) at the following address:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
County of Sonoma

[575 Administration Dr. Ste. 100A](#)
[Santa Rosa, CA 95403](#)

Please note should you wish to seek money or damages against another entity you will need to contact that entity to determine what their claims process is.

Thank you,

Reesha Ruel, CPDM
Liability Manager
Risk Management - County of Sonoma
[575 Administration Drive, Suite 116C](#)
[Santa Rosa, CA 95403](#)

From: philT monx [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, May 21, 2025 10:22 AM
To: Liability <Liability@sonoma-county.org>; Cannabis <Cannabis@sonoma-county.org>; CannabisTax <CannabisTax@sonoma-county.org>; info@cannabis.ca.gov; trackandtrace@cannabis.ca.gov
Subject: Fwd: Concerning issues w cannabis control re dennis hunter, Ryan long, and Nathan kern

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From: philT monx [REDACTED]
Date: Wed, May 21, 2025, 10:15 AM
Subject: Re: Concerning issues w cannabis control re dennis hunter, Ryan long, and Nathan kern
To: <bos@sonoma-county.org>

https://youtube.com/shorts/QRKk0_xF1ZO?feature=share today's repeated demand for a HIPPA GRIVANCE INTAKE. I am trying to do my diligence to assure it's reported and abdicated appropriately. I will not continue to be victimized and harmed by your out compliance and malicious abuse by ill intent officers extorting me under the color of law and continued to defraud records and willfully allowing fraud in my name to shelter others criminal liabilities. Talked to cannabis today, the recorded call will be posted and forwarded... shameful to be able document willfully concealment of human trafficking resulting in death and me in the ICU and tax payers covering dennis hunters criminal activities... yet again

On Wed, May 21, 2025, 8:07 AM philT monx <philTmonx@gmail.com> wrote:

<https://www.facebook.com/share/v/18rHtNgpiq/> here is my last call regarding my stolen identity used to defraud metrik records for Airway distribution. I had instigated a human trafficking report after I was almost killed at [REDACTED] on equipment as dennis hunter was trying to illegally build out a facility. I was met with extremely disturbing extortive abuse by det albini who concealed all my reporting he so eagerly took. He also made sure to inform me hi childhood home and parents and minor of a little brother still live on Peterson road next to Nathan kern ongoing essentially open air brokerage site for inter state trafficking as well document to albini.. Sr city and pd are struggling to conceal my reporting and allowed threats against my life to escalate demanding I kill myself or be prepared to be in prison for the rest of my life. My intention is to get intervention and assure I'm safe from further harm. What I document as I fled the county is in its self alarming, ken tassel who used to work w my parents at the scientology org I was raised in OVERTLY BREACHES HIS FULL DUTY AND OBLIGATIONS TO YOUR COUNTY AND MY PRIVACY BY ALERTING JAMES DYER OF SANTA CRUZ COUNTY PRIVACY OFFICE THAT I WAS ARRIVING AND WAS TRYING TO REPORT... IT WAS CONCEALED AND I DOCUMENTED KENS VIOLATION IN THE CPRA.. I DOCUMENTED YOUR CURRENT PRIVACY OFFICER OBSTRUCTING AND REFUSING TO TAKE AN I TAKE.. DOING MY DILLIGENCE SO I CAN APPROPRIATELY FILE TORT TO COMPENSATE ME FOR THE HARM AND BURDEN <https://youtu.be/R9oVjG6kRB4?si=rNUwAbt8A0mIT727> scientology and I discuss YOUR PRIVACY OFFICE BEING COMPRAMIZED FOR THE BENIFIT OF THE CHURCH <https://youtu.be/RAIHCOBKopo?si=rY2JlqQTep9foTME> sonoma sherrif acknowledge I'm likely being extorted because of dennis hunters relation to canna craft and the taxes it generates <https://youtu.be/VEw-oPokMKE?si=2XJNi5cdEJYBUA1h> santa cruz sherrif state that santa rosa and sonoma sherrifs were alerted to the terroristic threats and forward the case to be abdicated... <https://youtu.be/N3E1H7sAZYM?si=YajQrga70e526Djx> SRPD know well about me and how I was harmed a d have full inte tion to conceal the abuse.. Why cause they already had someone else die on an other facility and it was too much burden to hold them to the law, because dennis hunter and Nathan kern interstate trafficking and RICO that albini stated and used his personal cell to have me document everything for him.. the threats started a day after Ryan long dennis cousin suddenly gave me a bill of sale for an rv and dennis transfered me \$1k after over a year no pay and refusing cover the medical bills of the explosion that albini hid from records.. Lime the van full of cannabis bio left on the side of the road that landed at creams never in evidence.. Ryan long extorted me from. THE actual title so I could leave till sent it under dema d the extortion stops from an estranged fa.ily member of mine recived sep 5 last year.. The threats escalate and demand I kill myself or be ready get raped for the rest of my life in prison. I don't appreciate ken tassel and every mandated report I engaged with conceal abuses there... My unresolved grievances w sonoma health care is unacceptable le and demand immediate attention.. my conversations w Ken are not acceptable as documented here <https://youtu.be/HCB0o6mnEZk?si=CXzwTXW8cAfSyM-d>

From: Sara [REDACTED]
To: James Dyer
Cc: Karina J. Aragon

Subject: FW: Need to share safety information about former SC County Client
Date: Wednesday, April 2, 2025 12:30:50 PM
Importance: High

Here is the initial email I rec'd from Ken. I called him in response.

APS rec'd a vm as well from Ken shortly before he emailed me on 9/4. APS forwarded me the VM from Ken. Neither identifies the individual whom Ken is calling about.

Sara Snyder

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Email sara.snyder@santacruzcountyca.gov
P.O. Box 1895, Santa Cruz, CA 95061

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From: Ken Tasseff <Ken.Tasseff@sonoma-county.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 4, 2024 2:00 PM
To: Sara Snyder <Sara.Snyder@santacruzcountyca.gov>
Subject: Need to share safety information about former SC County Client
Importance: High

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Hi Sara,

I left a message on the main IHSS line and I am hoping this email will get through to you.

A former S.C. County client who has been in service in Sonoma County just left me a voicemail mentioning your name and stating that he is heading to Santa Cruz County. He is pretty agitated and has left 7 messages with me today. He has also mentioned a person named Anita Gabriel, but I am not sure who that is. I don't want to put too much in writing, but please feel free to call me for more details. I am confident you will know who I am referring to once we speak.

Best regards,
Ken Tasseff
Health Care Privacy and Security Officer

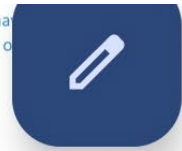
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Date: Friday, May 23, 2025 7:48:13 AM

From: philT monx [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, May 22, 2025 6:36 PM
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On Wed, May 21, 2025, 3:29 PM Liability <Liability@sonoma-county.org> wrote:

Hello,

In your email you mention the desire to "FILE TORT TO COMPENSATE ME FOR THE HARM AND BURDEN". To file a claim for money or damages for injury, property damage, or loss against the County of Sonoma, please fill out a claim form as required by California Government Code Sections [905](#) and [915](#).

Attached is a County of Sonoma Claim Form for your use, along with instructions for filing a claim. Please include all pertinent information relating to your claim, including

any supporting documentation such as estimates, reports, receipts, and photographs.

Your claim and any supporting documentation should be submitted to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors by US Mail or hand delivery (**please note claim submission is not available via email**) at the following address:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
County of Sonoma
575 Administration Dr. Ste. 100A
Santa Rosa, CA 95403

Please note should you wish to seek money or damages against another entity you will need to contact that entity to determine what their claims process is.

Thank you,

Reesha Ruel, CPDM
Liability Manager
Risk Management - County of Sonoma
[575 Administration Drive, Suite 116C](#)
[Santa Rosa, CA 95403](#)

From: philT monx [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, May 21, 2025 10:22 AM
To: Liability <Liability@sonoma-county.org>; Cannabis <Cannabis@sonoma-county.org>; CannabisTax <CannabisTax@sonoma-county.org>; info@cannabis.ca.gov; trackandtrace@cannabis.ca.gov
Subject: Fwd: Concerning issues w cannabis control re dennis hunter, Ryan long, and Nathan kern

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From: philT monx [REDACTED]
Date: Wed, May 21, 2025, 10:15 AM
Subject: Re: Concerning issues w cannabis control re dennis hunter, Ryan long, and Nathan kern
To: <hos@sonoma-county.org>

https://youtube.com/shorts/QRKk0_xF1ZO?feature=share today's repeated demand for a HIPPA GRIVANCE INTAKE. I am trying to do my diligence to assure it's reported and abdicated appropriately. I will not continue to be victimized and harmed by your out compliance and malicious abuse by ill intent officers extorting me under the color of law and continued to defraud records and willfully allowing fraud in my name to shelter others criminal liabilities. Talked to cannabis today, the recorded call will be posted and forwarded... shameful to be able document willfully concealment of human trafficking resulting in death and me in the ICU and tax payers covering dennis hunters criminal activities... yet again

On Wed, May 21, 2025, 8:07 AM philT monx [REDACTED] wrote:

<https://www.facebook.com/share/v/18HtNgpiq/> here is my last call regarding my stolen identity used to defraud metrik records for Airway distribution. I had instigated a human trafficking report after I was almost killed at [REDACTED] on equipment as dennis hunter was trying to illegally build out a facility. I was met with extremely disturbing extortive abuse by det albini who concealed all my reporting he so eagerly took. He also made sure to inform me hi childhood home and parents and minor of a little brother still live on Peterson road next to Nathan kern ongoing essentially open air brokerage site for inter state trafficking as well document to albini.. Sr city and pd are struggling to conceal my reporting and allowed threats against my life to escalate demanding I kill myself or be prepared to be in prison for the rest of my life. My intention is to get intervention and assure I'm safe from further harm. What I document as I fled the county is in its self alarming, ken tassell who used to work w my parents at the scientology org I was raised in OVERTLY BREACHES HIS FULL DUTY AND OBLIGATIONS TO YOUR COUNTY AND MY PRIVACY BY ALERTING JAMES DYER OF SANTA CRUZ COUNTY PRIVACY OFFICE THAT I WAS ARRIVING AND WAS TRYING TO REPORT... IT WAS CONCEALED AND I DOCUMENTED KENS VIOLATION IN THE CPRA.. I DOCUMENTED YOUR CURRENT PRIVACY OFFICER OBSTRUCTING AND REFUSING TO TAKE AN I TAKE.. DOING MY DILIGENCE SO I CAN APPROPRIATELY FILE TORT TO COMPENSATE ME FOR THE HARM AND BURDEN <https://youtu.be/R9oVjG6kRB4?si=rNUwAbt8A0mIT727> scientology and I discuss YOUR PRIVACY OFFICE BEING COMPROMIZED FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE CHURCH <https://youtu.be/BAIHCobKopo?si=rY2JlqQTep9fotME> sonoma sheriff acknowledge I'm likely being extorted because of dennis hunters relation to canna craft and the taxes it generates <https://youtu.be/VEw-oPokMKE?si=2XJNi5cdEJYBUA1h> santa cruz sheriff state that santa rosa and sonoma sheriffs were alerted to the terroristic threats and forward the case to be abdicated... <https://youtu.be/N3E1H7sAZYM?si=YaJOrga70e526Djx> SRPD know well about me and how I was harmed and have full intention to conceal the abuse.. Why cause they already had someone else die on an other facility and it was too much burden to hold them to the law, because dennis hunter and Nathan kern interstate trafficking and RICO that albini stated and used his personal cell to have me document everything for him.. the threats started a day after Ryan long dennis cousin suddenly gave me a bill of sale for an rv and dennis transferred me \$1k after over a year no pay and refusing cover the medical bills of the explosion that albini hid from records.. Lime the van full of cannabis bio left on the side of the road that landed at creams never in evidence.. Ryan long extorted me from. THE actual title so I could leave till sent it under demand the extortion stops from an estranged family member of mine received sep 5 last year.. The threats escalate and demand I kill myself or be ready get raped for the rest of my life in prison. I don't appreciate ken tassell and every mandated report I engaged with conceal abuses there... My unresolved grievances w sonoma health care is unacceptable and demand immediate attention.. my conversations w Ken are not acceptable as documented here <https://youtu.be/HCB0o6mnEZk?si=CXzwTXW8cAfSvM-d>

From: Sara [REDACTED]
To: James Dyer
Cc: Karina J. Aragon
Subject: FW: Need to share safety information about former SC County Client
Date: Wednesday, April 2, 2025 12:30:50 PM
Importance: High

Here is the initial email I rec'd from Ken. I called him in response.

APS rec'd a vm as well from Ken shortly before he emailed me on 9/4. APS forwarded me the VM from Ken. Neither identifies the individual whom Ken is calling about.

Sara Snyder



Email sara.snyder@santacruzcountyca.gov
P.O. Box 1895, Santa Cruz, CA 95061

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From: Ken Tasseff <Ken.Tasseff@sonoma-county.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 4, 2024 2:00 PM
To: Sara Snyder <Sara.Snyder@santacruzcountyca.gov>
Subject: Need to share safety information about former SC County Client
Importance: High

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Hi Sara,

I left a message on the main IHSS line and I am hoping this email will get through to you.

A former S.C. County client who has been in service in Sonoma County just left me a voicemail mentioning your name and stating that he is heading to Santa Cruz County. He is pretty agitated and has left 7 messages with me today. He has also mentioned a person named Anita Gabriel, but I am not sure who that is. I don't want to put too much in writing, but please feel free to call me for more details. I am confident you will know who I am referring to once we speak.

Best regards,
Ken Tasseff
Health Care Privacy and Security Officer

Sonoma County Department of Health Services
1450 Neotomas Ave. #200
Santa Rosa, CA 95405
Desk: 707-565-4703
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<https://youtu.be/p1NuWIYtdzg?si=uJaPRMQPha5PxEV> county auditor knows as well.

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From: [Board Of Supervisors](#)
To: [Jesseka Rodriguez](#)
Subject: FW: Fanning HIPAA Investigation Report
Date: Wednesday, May 21, 2025 3:44:35 PM
Attachments: [image003.png](#)
[image001.png](#)
[image001.png](#)
[image003.png](#)

From: philT monx [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, May 21, 2025 11:26 AM
To: Jessica Randolph <Jessica.Randolph@santacruzcountyca.gov>
Cc: James Dyer <James.Dyer@santacruzcountyca.gov>; Board Of Supervisors <boardofsupervisors@santacruzcountyca.gov>; First District <First.District@santacruzcountyca.gov>; Julie Ruhlin <Julie.Ruhlin@oirgroup.com>
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From: philT monx <[REDACTED]>
Date: Wed, May 21, 2025, 10:59 AM
Subject: Re: Fanning HIPAA Investigation Report
To: James Dyer <James.Dyer@santacruzcountyca.gov>

James dyer the complaint was Sarah snyders declaration to scsd on sep 4th subjecting me to more threats.. to be clear you participated in the alarming HIPPA concerning contact w Ken Tassel on sep 4th 2025 furthermore your county employees and director Whitney Barnes further tried to manipulate records in my name as the CPRA you failed overtly fullfill w the cull and result from your own email account m. She falsely direct her staff to aledge I was. Recently reenrolled in IHSS as well and further

malicious direction to obstruct any reports or documentation of my calls as mandated to be entered
You had no release or way to vet or verify I am who you claim to be engaging with regarding privacy records... your own intention to try obscure and suppress my complaint regarding the malicious intention to conceal my reporting by your sciwntologist buddy Ken Tassel.. was your obligations especially being party to assure Sarah did not respond or engage in any degree with Ken as your county never had an ROI.

On Wed, May 21, 2025, 10:54 AM James Dyer <James.Dyer@santacruzcountyca.gov> wrote:

Hello Mr. Fanning,

Please find attached the HIPAA investigation report of your allegation submitted on March 26, 2025 of improper use of your health information.

Kind regards,



James Dyer | HIPAA Privacy Officer

HIPAA Privacy & Security | Santa Cruz County Health Services Agency

[1080 Emeline Ave, Santa Cruz, CA 95060](https://www.santacruzhealth.org)

Email: james.dyer@santacruzcountyca.gov



Web: www.santacruzhealth.org

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Date: Wednesday, May 21, 2025 3:45:09 PM
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More to the point where did james claim to get my email address... the additional videos document he kept stall and put off start my intake re scsd report [REDACTED] where I recorded dep fish now srgt disclose not just Sarah false report but also Kessel who was removed from record for his hipa concern on even trying make aligatiks against me

In Dec Whitney barns and James tried to further cancel concerns and directed her staff to violate police and charter claiming I was a client and a threat... in April concurrent to james trying conceal my demand for hipa grievance re that FALSE CRIMI AL REPORT THAT CONCEALED MY OWN SUBJECTING ME TO ESCALATED THREAST ON SEP 8 AND 10TH DEMANDING I KILL MYSELF OR FACE KIFE GETTING RAPED IN PRISON.. FUNNY ENOUGH THE TEXTS ALSO STATE WHOEVER SENDING THEM CONTROLS THE COPS... THAT WOULD BE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS LIABILITY.. YOUR ILL ACTING EMPLOYEES AND LIFE ENDANGERING OUT COMPLIANCE APS AND IHSS UNIT

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From: [Board Of Supervisors](#)
To: [Jesseka Rodriguez](#)
Subject: FW: Final notice and alert re your extortive cunt of a pig dimFUCK dimk
Date: Thursday, May 29, 2025 8:38:01 AM

From: philT monx <a [REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, May 26, 2025 12:31 PM
To: michael.gennaco@oirgroup.com; Julie Ruhlin <Julie.Ruhlin@oirgroup.com>; stephen.connolly@oirgroup.com; teresa.magula@oirgroup.com; samara.marion@oirgroup.com; michael.mckinley@watsonville.gov; First District <First.District@santacruzcountyca.gov>; Board Of Supervisors <boardofsupervisors@santacruzcountyca.gov>; bos@sonoma-county.org
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From: philT monx <a [REDACTED]>
Date: Sat, Nov 23, 2024, 6:37 AM
Subject: Final notice and alert re your extortive cunt of a pig dimFUCK dimk
To: <jim.hart@santacruzcounty.us>, chris.clark@santacruzcounty.us>, <chris.clark@santacruzcounty.us>, <CountyCounsel@santacruzcountyca.gov>, <shf384@santacruzcounty.us>, Patrick Dimick <Patrick.Dimick@santacruzcounty.us>

Srgt Luna non responsive for months no public access to your standards division and ongoing 15 years of your disgusting punk fuck of a Lt Patrick dimshit dimick had better be pulled today to assure the public at large don't remain at threat.. pull the chains of emails sent yesterday and in regards to current extortion attempt and egregious violations of my civil and victims rights.

Fuck him and any department that calls this a standard to keep or meet..
I expect contact immediately so I'm no longer at threat loss or harm trying evade him misconduct.

County council is aware. He's going break the bank as he's concealing the threat YOU apparently participate w every dependant adult in the county.

He thinks I deserve be told I will have my teeth kicked in and forced to such a dick and have people threatening kill my mother... by all means and regards I take it I'm entitled to wish the

same on you...

If you don't agree that you should be sucking my dick, especially after reporting and allowed continue in malicio8sly closed cases and those threats also state they control the police... I think you got a stinker o. Your force.. he has dictated uts appropriate.. your children should be subject Ted to what he allows on to other citizens such as myself same.

Call.me immediately.

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From: **philT monx** <[a\[REDACTED\]](#)>

Date: Fri, Nov 22, 2024, 9:19 PM

Subject: Fwd: Thank you and please...

To: <shf384@santacruzcounty.us>, <CountyCounsel@santacruzcountyca.gov>, Patrick Dimick <Patrick.Dimick@santacruzcounty.us>

This is the scum bag dumb dangerous work your Lt dim fuck dimick has concealed and subjecting me to abuse because he didn't want to be accountable or responsible for his malicious prosecution and faulty cases started by his intentional manipulations or and concealing reporting.

Let's play patty cakes... as you have deemed appropriate I hope someone kicks in your mother's teeth and she's forced to gum thier dick.. hope the kill your father as u thi k its a game to subject me to il.

Have your boss contact me you wreckers goofy fuck up.

Your done.

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From: **philT monx** <[a\[REDACTED\]](#)>

Date: Mon, May 30, 2022, 7:05 AM

Subject: Fwd: Thank you and please...

To: Philth T Monx <[a\[REDACTED\]](#)>

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From: **philT monx** <[a\[REDACTED\]](#)>

Date: Wed, May 26, 2021, 4:01 PM

Subject: Re: Thank you and please...

To: Patrick Dimick <Patrick.Dimick@santacruzcounty.us>, Anita <[a\[REDACTED\]](#)>

So as will find this is how maliciously and intentionally kippers FRAID MEDICAL LETTER
DRAFTED BY DESIGN TO ASSURE I WAS DISPOSSESSED OF MY RIGHTS AND HOME....
NOTE DATE... NOTE WHEN I WAS FIRST BEG HELP.

My mom was be used and defrauded for funds... This is obscene...

On Sun, Apr 18, 2021, 04:12 philT monx <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Thank you kindly will try first thing Monday. Take care and thank you again for reply.

On Sun, Apr 18, 2021, 04:01 Patrick Dimick <Patrick.Dimick@santacruzcounty.us> wrote:

Sgt. Patrick Dimick

Sgt. Patrick Dimick
Santa Cruz County Sheriff's Office
Operations Bureau-Patrol
[REDACTED]

From: philT monx [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, April 18, 2021 3:40 AM
To: Patrick Dimick <Patrick.Dimick@santacruzcounty.us>
Cc: Anita <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Re: Thank you and please...

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There was nothing below.

On Sun, Apr 18, 2021, 00:41 Patrick Dimick <Patrick.Dimick@santacruzcounty.us> wrote:

Good evening,

I apologize I was unable to return emails over the past few weeks due to unforeseen

scheduling.

While I certainly would not wish your situation on anyone, I don't see any way that I can help or guide you in this situation. I suggest speaking to an attorney about this situation that is certainly complex and must be incredibly frustrating to a degree I can't begin to comprehend. Below is a resource that may be able to give some direction.

I wish you the best in resolving this matter.

Sincerely,

Sgt. Patrick Dimick

**Sgt. Patrick Dimick
Santa Cruz County Sheriff's Office
Operations Bureau-Patrol
831-454-7620**

From: philT monx [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, March 27, 2021 1:29 PM
To: Patrick Dimick <Patrick.Dimick@santacruzcounty.us>; Anita [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Thank you and please...

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Lastly sir here is the letter DA Wade had sent me and my probation officer trying to assure my probation was dismissed as he had found indeed the restraining order was being abused and inappropriate due to her refusal to stop contacting me and threatening to call welfare checks if I did not comply to her demands.

LA somehow failed to and I did 170 day credit w/ court apologize for he/she as it had no case to hold me on supervised probation and not in their jurisdiction. They dismissed the probation and fines..

Issue is she had sent those documents to an ex girlfriend of mine who was less than kind and remains involved beyond any ethical boundary..

Indeed she directed anita to report yet again of her own concerns not to report what infact was ongoing...

She was a DA herself.. Barbra lubin.

She is one who got me involved with the life threat housing provider situation along w david hayflitch...

He currently is still extort me of thousands in property.. Anita recovered a truck he was hide...

Unfortunately he has been false reporting against me and make declarations for LAPD accuse me of everything like rape of his elderly grandmother to arson..

He is of record trying defraud authroities that i was living in streets and 2 known encampmwnts that caught fire right after anita took me out LA

i have declarations from an other informant, that yes indeed they stole 2 known outfits of mine and likely trying set me up for arson as she teases me.

Activly someone is still in my apartment and landlprd has refused to finalize eviction of record...

My goal is get safe enoigh get out of state as directed by LAPD.

I wish i was able explain anita how these are not things to ignore or conceal.

We have written threats from Mike Bonin along with a bunch of other elected and city officials...

She says they are just threats..

She dosent grasp how far beyond the line of acceptable that is.

Shes comfortable..

Unfortunately that dose not mean others are or that things are ethical or legal..

If shes acknowledged give those documents out again to a man i had no relatiin in 25 yeaes after his abuse as a step father...

I need to be safe from her further and perpetuating...

Im extoeted and indeed blackmailed by actiins achived durring a conspired plan to dispossess me of my hime rights and property..

She has succeeded in assure me no rights and strip of home and property 3 times now with same move..

She legit has me here and i dont have my contracted services or home, because ex husban spun her out and upset to try correct me to comfort her concerns again... While

had orders.. Was taughnting me she wpuld inform me if and when my jewlery arrived..
All anyone has say is im a burden or bother.. And she ruahees to correct me and revvel in
the drama and shit talking searching for validation and excuse to why we have an
unhealthy relationahip.

When shes entrapped someone by forgery and imposed endless harm with her
irresponsable actions.

Flatly its very disturbing she had documents she hid from law enforcement and
succeeded in conceal to assure me harm and loss..

There is no recovery.

I need and deserve to be safe and afforded boundries.

I cant even have my contracted home and servuces w a fed contract because she
imposers and allows me be defrauded in court because she dose not want admit her
abusive intrusive and threatening irresponsavle behavior.

On Sat, Mar 27, 2021, 13:04 philT monx <[REDACTED]> wrote:

here is the declaration that caused everything to slow as they needed a new
approach..

second is some mild examples of what the lawyers are assure i have no legal
defence, this man substituted himself in OCT where they had expected me to appear
with an extortive fraud warrant cause clerk on video helped past lawyer conceal
active bar investigation and hus extortive demands i abandon my home and federally
contracted services...

or as he is documented as declaring he would assure i spent rest of my life in prison

On Sat, Mar 27, 2021 at 11:44 AM philT monx <[REDACTED]> :

If this can assist in help get us assistance and consideration.

Its not ok kipper etc took advantage of my mom financially and made her deel
responsable to conceal from authlroties amd investogators..

He beggs on email repeatedly.. Any time she suggests to disclose..

Directly obstructed bar complaimt and manipulated med board to conceal i was

not party or concenting..

I have declaration from bond compamy she beloved she secured bond to detain and drug me amd defraud court state it is counterfeit..

I was nwver on said bond.

Bar investigation as compramozed as was proved in fact i was on an entierly dofferent one and even bond#

On Wed, Mar 24, 2021, 19:57 Patrick Dimick

<Patrick.Dimick@santacruzcounty.us> wrote:

Hey Aren, I have not forgotten about you. I am researching and I will get back in touch with you. Its helpful if you send me emails as they are friendly reminders for me.

I hope you have a good night,

Patrick Dimick

Sgt. Patrick Dimick

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Santa Cruz County Sheriff's Office
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831-454-7620

From: philT monx [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, March 24, 2021 8:53 AM
To: Anita [REDACTED]; Patrick Dimick
<Patrick.Dimick@santacruzcounty.us>
Subject: Re: Thank you and please...

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My last assult july 5th was by an elected official and also the marshal of the defund police rally that day..

July like 9th ex step father suddenly contacts me again trying instigate between me and her again stating he was sending my jewlery to her...

I contacted her and begged her to not engage and to refuse.. I was begging for her to report to authorities he was trying to mess w thousands in property, unfortunately due to his claims and allegations she believed i was homeless and cause issues and would find myself in legal issues for reporting.

The intent was to assure i would violate and to also assure further separation between me and her...

So much so that in the July file Mr Rectman has defrauded courts in my name in, the plaintiff lists her as an associate in a failed emergency attempt at protective orders alleging i was an imminent threat to kill a community member or other tenant..

The documented alleged evidence was videos of me whistleblowing... Also listed are every authority i of record instigated lawful and civil valid complaints...

Legit lists was videos me engaged with assessors office and the courts...

On Wed, Mar 24, 2021, 8:40 AM philT monx <[a](#)> wrote:

To clarify sir, this regarding same documents, but unfortunately this occurred in Jan 2020. I have very valid reasons to be live in extreme fear for my life and rights.

My business partner / levy who defrauded court in my name originally was an interim judge... Indeed i was then involved with powerful people, admittedly not what one would expect of me.

Things have escalated to unmanageable levels over the years..

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[REDACTED]
Home & Garden
[REDACTED]

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Thank you,

Anita Gabriel



Home & Garden



From: [Board Of Supervisors](#)
To: [Jesseka Rodriguez](#)
Subject: FW: Thank you and please...
Date: Thursday, May 29, 2025 8:36:08 AM

From: philT monx [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, May 26, 2025 12:29 PM
To: michael.mckinley@watsonville.gov; michael.gennaco@oirgroup.com; Julie Ruhlin <Julie.Ruhlin@oirgroup.com>; stephen.connolly@oirgroup.com; teresa.magula@oirgroup.com; samara.marion@oirgroup.com; First District <First.District@santacruzcountyca.gov>; Board Of Supervisors <boardofsupervisors@santacruzcountyca.gov>; Patrick Dimick <Patrick.Dimick@santacruzcountyca.gov>; Chris Clark <Chris.Clark@santacruzcountyca.gov>; Nolan Fish <Nolan.Fish@santacruzcountyca.gov>; James Dyer <James.Dyer@santacruzcountyca.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Thank you and please...

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From: philT monx [REDACTED]
Date: Fri, Nov 22, 2024, 9:19 PM
Subject: Fwd: Thank you and please...
To: <shf384@santacruzcounty.us>, <CountyCounsel@santacruzcountyca.gov>, Patrick Dimick <Patrick.Dimick@santacruzcounty.us>

This is the scum bag dumb dangerous work your Lt dim fuck dimick has concealed and subjecting me to abuse because he didn't want to be accountable or responsible for his malicious prosecution and faulty cases started by his intentional manipulations or and concealing reporting.

Let's play patty cakes... as you have deemed appropriate I hope someone kicks in your mother's teeth and she's forced to gum thier dick.. hope the kill your father as u thi k its a game to subject me to il.

Have your boss contact me you wreckers goofy fuck up.

Your done.

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From: philT monx <[REDACTED]>

Date: Mon, May 30, 2022, 7:05 AM
Subject: Fwd: Thank you and please...
To: Philth T Monx <[REDACTED]>

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From: **philT monx** <[REDACTED]>
Date: Wed, May 26, 2021, 4:01 PM
Subject: Re: Thank you and please...
To: Patrick Dimick <Patrick.Dimick@santacruzcounty.us>, Anita <[REDACTED]>

So as will find this is how maliciously and intentionally kippers FRAID MEDICAL LETTER
DRAFTED BY DESIGN TO ASSURE I WAS DISPOSSESSED OF MY RIGHTS AND HOME....
NOTE DATE... NOTE WHEN I WAS FIRST BEG HELP.

My mom was be used and defrauded for funds... This is obscene...

On Sun, Apr 18, 2021, 04:12 philT monx <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Thank you kindly will try first thing Monday. Take care and thank you again for reply.

On Sun, Apr 18, 2021, 04:01 Patrick Dimick <Patrick.Dimick@santacruzcounty.us> wrote:

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Santa Cruz County Sheriff's Office
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From: philT monx <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Sunday, April 18, 2021 3:40 AM
To: Patrick Dimick <Patrick.Dimick@santacruzcounty.us>
Cc: Anita <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Re: Thank you and please...

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There was nothing below.

On Sun, Apr 18, 2021, 00:41 Patrick Dimick <Patrick.Dimick@santacruzcounty.us> wrote:

Good evening,

I apologize I was unable to return emails over the past few weeks due to unforeseen scheduling.

While I certainly would not wish your situation on anyone, I don't see any way that I can help or guide you in this situation. I suggest speaking to an attorney about this situation that is certainly complex and must be incredibly frustrating to a degree I can't begin to comprehend. Below is a resource that may be able to give some direction.

I wish you the best in resolving this matter.

Sincerely,

Sgt. Patrick Dimick

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From: philT monx <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Saturday, March 27, 2021 1:29 PM
To: Patrick Dimick <Patrick.Dimick@santacruzcounty.us>; Anita [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Thank you and please...

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Lastly sir here is the letter DA wade had sent me and my probation officer trying assure my probation waa dismissed as he had found indeed the restraining order was being abused and innapropriate due to her refusal to stop contacting me and threatening to call welfair checks if i did not comply to her demands.

LA somehow failed to and i did 170 day credit w court appologize for hebus corpus as it had no case to hold me on supervised probation and not in thier jurisdiction. They dismissed the probation and fines..

Issue is she had sent those documents to an ex girlfriend of mine who was less than kind and remains involved beyond any ethical boundry..

Indeed she directed anita to report yet again of her own concerns not to report what infact was ongoing...

She was a DA herself.. Barbra lubin.

She is one who got me involved with the life threat housing provider situation along w david hayflitch...

He currently is still extort me of thousands in property.. Anita recovered a truck he was hide...

Unfortunately he has been false reporting against me and make declarations for LAPD accuse me of everything like rape of his elderly grandmother to arson..

He is of record trying defraud authroities that i was living in streets and 2 known encampmwnts that caught fire right after anita took me out LA

i have declarations from an other informant, that yes indeed they stole 2 known outfits of mine and likely trying set me up for arson as she teases me.

Activly someone is still in my apartment and landlprd has refused to finalize eviction of record...

My goal is get safe enoigh get out of state as directed by LAPD.

I wish i was able explain anita how these are not things to ignore or conceal.

We have written threats from Mike Bonin along with a bunch of other elected and city officials...

She says they are just threats..

She dosent grasp how far beyond the line of acceptable that is.

Shes comfortable..

Unfortunately that dose not mean others are or that things are ethical or legal..

If she's acknowledged give those documents out again to a man i had no relation in 25 years after his abuse as a step father...

I need to be safe from her further and perpetuating...

I'm extorted and indeed blackmailed by actions achieved during a conspired plan to dispossess me of my home rights and property..

She has succeeded in assure me no rights and strip of home and property 3 times now with same move..

She legit has me here and i don't have my contracted services or home, because ex husband spun her out and upset to try correct me to comfort her concerns again... While had orders.. Was taunting me she would inform me if and when my jewelry arrived.. All anyone has say is i'm a burden or bother.. And she rushes to correct me and revel in the drama and shit talking searching for validation and excuse to why we have an unhealthy relationship.

When she's entrapped someone by forgery and imposed endless harm with her irresponsible actions.

Flatly it's very disturbing she had documents she hid from law enforcement and succeeded in conceal to assure me harm and loss..

There is no recovery.

I need and deserve to be safe and afforded boundaries.

I can't even have my contracted home and services w a fed contract because she imposes and allows me be defrauded in court because she does not want admit her abusive intrusive and threatening irresponsible behavior.

On Sat, Mar 27, 2021, 13:04 philT monx [REDACTED] > wrote:

here is the declaration that caused everything to slow as they needed a new approach..

second is some mild examples of what the lawyers are assure i have no legal defence, this man substituted himself in OCT where they had expected me to appear with an extortive fraud warrant cause clerk on video helped past lawyer conceal

active bar investigation and has extortive demands i abandon my home and federally contracted services...

or as he is documented as declaring he would assure i spent rest of my life in prison

On Sat, Mar 27, 2021 at 11:44 AM philT monx <a[REDACTED]> wrote:

If this can assist in help get us assistance and consideration.

Its not ok kipper etc took advantage of my mom financially and made her feel responsible to conceal from authorities and investigators..

He begs on email repeatedly.. Any time she suggests to disclose..

Directly obstructed bar complaint and manipulated med board to conceal i was not party or consenting..

I have declaration from bond company she believed she secured bond to detain and drug me and defraud court state it is counterfeit..

I was never on said bond.

Bar investigation as compromised as was proved in fact i was on an entirely different one and even bond#

On Wed, Mar 24, 2021, 19:57 Patrick Dimick

<Patrick.Dimick@santacruzcounty.us> wrote:

Hey Aren, I have not forgotten about you. I am researching and I will get back in touch with you. Its helpful if you send me emails as they are friendly reminders for me.

I hope you have a good night,

Patrick Dimick

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From: philT monx <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Wednesday, March 24, 2021 8:53 AM

To: Anita [REDACTED]; Patrick Dimick

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Subject: Re: Thank you and please...

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My last assault July 5th was by an elected official and also the marshal of the defund police rally that day..

July like 9th ex step father suddenly contacts me again trying instigate between me and her again stating he was sending my jewelry to her...

I contacted her and begged her to not engage and to refuse.. I was begging for her to report to authorities he was trying to mess w thousands in property, unfortunately due to his claims and allegations she believed I was homeless and cause issues and would find myself in legal issues for reporting.

The intent was to assure I would violate and to also assure further separation between me and her...

So much so that in the July file Mr Rectman has defrauded courts in my name in, the plaintiff lists her as an associate in a failed emergency attempt at protective orders alleging I was an imminent threat to kill a community member or other tenant..

The documented alleged evidence was videos of me whistleblowing... Also listed are every authority I of record instigated lawful and civil valid complaints...

Legit lists was videos me engaged with assessors office and the courts...

On Wed, Mar 24, 2021, 8:40 AM philT monx <[REDACTED]> wrote:

To clarify sir, this regarding same documents, but unfortunately this occurred in Jan 2020. I have very valid reasons to be live in extreme fear for my life and rights.

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From: Sara [REDACTED]
To: James Dyer
Cc: Karina J. Aragon
Subject: FW: Need to share safety information about former SC County Client
Date: Wednesday, April 2, 2025 12:30:50 PM
Importance: High

Here is the initial email I rec'd from Ken. I called him in response.

APS rec'd a vm as well from Ken shortly before he emailed me on 9/4. APS forwarded me the VM from Ken. Neither identifies the individual whom Ken is calling about.

Sara Snyder



Email sara.snyder@santacruzcountycalifornia.gov
P.O. Box 1895, Santa Cruz, CA 95061

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From: Ken Tasseff <Ken.Tasseff@sonoma-county.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 4, 2024 2:00 PM
To: Sara Snyder <Sara.Snyder@santacruzcountycalifornia.gov>
Subject: Need to share safety information about former SC County Client
Importance: High

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Hi Sara,

I left a message on the main IHSS line and I am hoping this email will get through to you.

A former S.C. County client who has been in service in Sonoma County just left me a voicemail mentioning your name and stating that he is heading to Santa Cruz County. He is pretty agitated and has left 7 messages with me today. He has also mentioned a person named Anita Gabriel, but I am not sure who that is. I don't want to put too much in writing, but please feel free to call me for more details. I am confident you will know who I am referring to once we speak.

Best regards,
Ken Tasseff
Health Care Privacy and Security Officer

Sonoma County Department of Health Services
1450 Neotomas Ave. #200
Santa Rosa, CA 95405
Desk: 707-565-4703
Fax: 707-565-7849
ken.tasseff@sonoma-county.org



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From: [Board Of Supervisors](#)
To: [Jesseka Rodriguez](#)
Subject: FW: Aren Fanning and Stephen Connolly or ORGroup LLC
Date: Tuesday, June 3, 2025 2:22:45 PM

From: philT monx [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, May 30, 2025 9:32 PM
To: stephen.connolly@oirgroup.com; michael.gennaco@oirgroup.com; Julie Ruhlin <Julie.Ruhlin@oirgroup.com>; countycouncil@santacruz.us; bos@sonoma-county.org; Board Of Supervisors <boardofsupervisors@santacruzcountyca.gov>; cityattorney@watsonville.gov; cityclerk@watsonville.gov; citycouncil@watsonville.gov; citymanager@watsonville.gov; DHS-Privacy&Security@sonoma-county.org; James Dyer <James.Dyer@santacruzcountyca.gov>; Jessica Randolph <Jessica.Randolph@santacruzcountyca.gov>; jeff.eisner@santacruzcountyca.gov; jnutt@srcity.org; Petra Rocha-Martinez <Petra.Rocha-Martinez@santacruzcountyca.gov>; teresa.magula@oirgroup.com; tguild@pajaronian.com; Third District <Third.District@santacruzcountyca.gov>; First District <First.District@santacruzcountyca.gov>; Patrick Dimick <Patrick.Dimick@santacruzcountyca.gov>; Liability <liability@sonoma-county.org>; hr@cityofwatsonville.org; hr@watsonville.gov; hipa@santacruzcountyca.gov; homeless@srcity.org; DAO <DAO@santacruzcountyca.gov>; whitney.barnes@santacruzcounty.ca.gov
Subject: Aren Fanning and Stephen Connolly or ORGroup LLC

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<https://youtu.be/eLnJ2GC4gSg>

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Date: Tuesday, June 3, 2025 2:26:49 PM

From: philT monx [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, June 1, 2025 7:44 AM
To: stephen.connolly@oirgroup.com; michael.gennaco@oirgroup.com; Julie Ruhlin <Julie.Ruhlin@oirgroup.com>; countycouncil@santacruz.us; bos@sonoma-county.org; Board Of Supervisors <boardofsupervisors@santacruzcountyca.gov>; cityattorney@watsonville.gov; cityclerk@watsonville.gov; citycouncil@watsonville.gov; citymanager@watsonville.gov; DHS-Privacy&Security@sonoma-county.org; James Dyer <James.Dyer@santacruzcountyca.gov>; Jessica Randolph <Jessica.Randolph@santacruzcountyca.gov>; jeff.eisner@santacruzcountyca.gov; jnutt@srcity.org; Petra Rocha-Martinez <Petra.Rocha-Martinez@santacruzcountyca.gov>; teresa.magula@oirgroup.com; tguild@pajaronian.com; Third District <Third.District@santacruzcountyca.gov>; First District <First.District@santacruzcountyca.gov>; Patrick Dimick <Patrick.Dimick@santacruzcountyca.gov>; Liability <liability@sonoma-county.org>; hr@cityofwatsonville.org; hr@watsonville.gov; hipa@santacruzcountyca.gov; homeless@srcity.org; DAO <DAO@santacruzcountyca.gov>; whitney.barnes@santacruzcounty.ca.gov
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<https://youtu.be/eLnJ2GC4gSg>

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Subject: FW: Aren Fanning and Stephen Connolly or ORGroup LLC
Date: Tuesday, June 3, 2025 2:28:59 PM

From: philT monx [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 2, 2025 4:56 PM
To: stephen.connolly@oirgroup.com; michael.gennaco@oirgroup.com; Julie Ruhlin <Julie.Ruhlin@oirgroup.com>; countycouncil@santacruz.us; bos@sonoma-county.org; Board Of Supervisors <boardofsupervisors@santacruzcountyca.gov>; cityattorney@watsonville.gov; cityclerk@watsonville.gov; citycouncil@watsonville.gov; citymanager@watsonville.gov; DHS-Privacy&Security@sonoma-county.org; James Dyer <James.Dyer@santacruzcountyca.gov>; Jessica Randolph <Jessica.Randolph@santacruzcountyca.gov>; jeff.eisner@santacruzcountyca.gov; jnutt@srcity.org; Petra Rocha-Martinez <Petra.Rocha-Martinez@santacruzcountyca.gov>; teresa.magula@oirgroup.com; tguild@pajaronian.com; Third District <Third.District@santacruzcountyca.gov>; First District <First.District@santacruzcountyca.gov>; Patrick Dimick <Patrick.Dimick@santacruzcountyca.gov>; Liability <liability@sonoma-county.org>; hr@cityofwatsonville.org; hr@watsonville.gov; hippa@santacruzcountyca.gov; homeless@srcity.org; DAO <DAO@santacruzcountyca.gov>; whitney.barnes@santacruzcounty.ca.gov
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Stephen Connolly should from here forth be obstructed from further harm or engagement as his documented and willfully enablement of civilrights violations and departmental out compliance further causing me harm injury and threat.

<https://youtu.be/DmxdW43Jfo0> today's internal intake. I'm stripped of privacy due to the threat your officers have been and remain.

Aren fanning

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Date: Tuesday, June 3, 2025 2:30:18 PM

From: Greg Fontana [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 2, 2025 8:45 PM
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Subject: Parks and Open Space

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More people are supporting Trump for going through national parks and fixing the deep state corruption. There are some good incentives with parks, but there are also a lot of issues that need to be fixed and addressed. I know because of all the predator and drug cartel issues I dealt with in The Mid Peninsula Regional Open Space District.

Another excellent example is The CA State Park in Pescadero in San Mateo County where the Butano Creek empties out towards the Pacific Ocean. That area was once maintained by local farmers and ranchers. The state parks purchased it at another expense to the taxpayers. With parks departments comes park ordinances that shuts down important maintenance at another larger expense. Taxpayers have to pay the parks officers to enforce shutting down creek dredging, water being drawn, cattle grazing,

logging, spraying weeds, fishing, hunting etc. Finally, after years of paying parks officers to enforce shutting down the maintenance that farmers and ranchers logically did, you could smell the dead fish year after year at the mouth from being trapped because of bad management practices. We used to see them rotting in the water along Highway 1 further polluting the creek.

Finally, the water began to back up by the late 1990's so bad that the entire town of Pescadero flooded more than once. Federal relief money and insurance companies got slammed with the bill at the fault of bad management practices while hurting American taxpayers again. When multiple things happen like this, insurance prices escalate along with inflation.

Local construction companies about 20 years later offered to dredge the creek for one million dollars. But environmental regulations postponed the dredging which caused more flooding along with more fish to rot. Finally, it got dredged for about 5 million dollars spent by the taxpayers again due to the environmental review after old time farmers and ranchers already did a better job at taking care of it at no expense to the American taxpayers. Pescadero Marsh is just one little pimple of the country that sets the example of all the failed policies that need to be fixed all over the entire United States.

Local people complained for years, but left-wing radicals chose their failed government control ideologies and ignored us. Donald Trump is not perfect, but Trump is not ignoring ordinary Americans who have fed the nation along with protecting our forests and Open Space. It is sad that the Democratic party has not taken any accountability for failed policies or the fact America had no other choice but to pick Trump. Trump is responding to the large majority of the ordinary American people who have voted for him, and have sent numerous letters regarding these issues. It is now time for Trump to drain The CA swamp and fix state parks, local parks, and our SF Bay Area Open Space who neglected a foreign drug cartel for years after I reported it when running hound dogs to protect cattle on Open Space that contaminated Lobitos Creek and drained into Martins Beach.

From: [Board Of Supervisors](#)
To: [Jesseka Rodriguez](#)
Subject: FW: Opposition to "The Haven" Development on Graham Hill Road
Date: Tuesday, June 3, 2025 2:30:49 PM

From: Ian Estes [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, June 3, 2025 9:14 AM
To: Board Of Supervisors <boardofsupervisors@santacruzcountyca.gov>
Subject: Opposition to "The Haven" Development on Graham Hill Road

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Dear Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors

My name is Ian Estes, and I am a resident of the Rolling Woods neighborhood at [REDACTED]. I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed development known as "The Haven" on Graham Hill Road.

While I acknowledge the pressing need for affordable housing in our community, this particular project raises several significant concerns:

Environmental Impact: The proposed development site is directly across from Henry Cowell Redwoods State Park and encompasses sensitive habitats, including unique sandhill ecosystems. The plan involves the removal of approximately 585 trees, which would disrupt local wildlife corridors and degrade the natural beauty of the area.

Water Supply Concerns: The development seeks to connect to the San Lorenzo Valley Water District, which has historically faced challenges in meeting the needs of its existing customers. Expanding service to this new development could strain resources further and impact water availability for current residents.

Traffic and Safety Issues: Graham Hill Road is already a heavily trafficked and hazardous route, serving as a primary evacuation corridor for the San Lorenzo Valley. Introducing 157 new homes, along with an 18,000-square-foot community center and 737 parking spaces, would exacerbate traffic congestion and pose additional risks to pedestrian and cyclist safety.

Infrastructure Challenges: The area lacks the necessary infrastructure to support such a large development. The proposal includes constructing a new private sewer system and extending utilities, which would require significant alterations to the existing urban services boundary and could set a concerning precedent for future developments in rural areas

Given these factors, I urge you to reconsider the approval of "The Haven" development. I believe that sustainable growth should prioritize environmental preservation, resource

availability, and community safety.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Ian Estes

[REDACTED]

Santa Cruz, CA 95060

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Ian Estes

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From: [Board Of Supervisors](#)
To: [Jesseka Rodriguez](#)
Subject: FW: My opposition to the haven
Date: Tuesday, June 3, 2025 2:28:23 PM

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Hello,

I must share with you my complete and utter opposition to The Haven development.

At first I scoffed at the idea, but then I learned this was for real.

- 1) It is in a sensitive habitat that needs protection, not destruction.
- 2) The water here is barely enough to meet our needs in a good year. Doubt is undoubtedly on the way at some point.
- 3) Don't even get me going about the traffic issues in the SLV-Santa Cruz area. Especially in an evacuation situation. It's crazy now...adding even more vehicles on the road will make it worse.

Please don't allow this project to proceed.

Thank you,

Lucia MacLean
Ben Lomond

From: [Board Of Supervisors](#)
To: [Jesseka Rodriguez](#)
Subject: FW: Sign-on Letter re. Budget Advocacy
Date: Tuesday, June 3, 2025 2:27:24 PM

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Here is the [sign-on budget advocacy letter](#) to the Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors that is quickly gathering signatures. In only a few days, we've gathered 85 signatures, as well as various organizational sign-ons, including MILPA, SURJ, ACLU, the Center for Farmworker Families, Climate Action Network, Regeneracion - Pajaro Valley Climate Action. We'll continue gathering sign-ons until June 8th and then prepare it for final delivery with all the signatures and sign-ons.

Date: May 28, 2025

Dear Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors,

We all get it – it's a tough time. With the series of natural disasters we've experienced, new unfunded mandates from the state, funding cuts and uncertainty both at the federal and state levels, Santa Cruz County is facing real financial challenges. Let's remember that challenges present opportunities to clarify and rally around our shared values, which matter now more than ever.

Meeting people's basic needs is the starting point from which we can create a safe, vibrant and thriving community. Health and Human Services (HHS), the part of our County government dedicated to meeting our community's basic needs, is the only department facing cuts to staffing. The most severe staffing cuts are within the Health Services Agency and more specifically the Behavioral Health Division, widely known for being "underfunded, understaffed, and overworked." Beyond staff, critical health services for the most vulnerable are on the chopping block. We must not balance our budget on the backs of the most vulnerable.

Cuts to preventative health and support services will lead to worsened health outcomes, more people in crisis, and cost the County more in the long run. We are choosing now whether we want to invest in preventative care or set up a system where more people must engage with more expensive County crisis services. An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.

Now more than ever, we must invest every dollar wisely and look carefully at where we can save. Responding to declining incarceration numbers and budget constraints, the State of California has saved \$620 million annually since 2021 by closing prison facilities due to a declining population, with no impact to public safety. Here in the county, we have also seen declining numbers in both youth and adult jails, yet their related budgets continue to increase, even adding new correctional staff.

We urge you to seriously consider the following community-driven recommendations:

1. Invest in health and human services

Ensure full funding for the Mental Health Client Action Network (MHCAN), an incredibly cost-effective peer-run mental health facility that has been providing hot meals, showers, computers and companionship to unhoused people and others in need for decades.

Reject cuts to county health clinics that provide essential lab and radiology services, and behavioral health therapy for high numbers of the most vulnerable members of our community who would otherwise delay care and cost the system more with expensive emergency room visits.

Fully fund mental health services for uninsured individuals and suicide prevention services. In 2024, there were 114 suicides in our county; we need to do better. Besides saving lives and money, funding these services will also reduce the county's dependency on the jail system as our largest mental health facility.

Ensure the Gemma House remains a successful residential program for women as they prepare to move from incarceration back into our community. Understanding the specific needs and challenges women face, we also ask that before cutting funds for the Justice and Gender Commission (JAG), from which the Gemma House and other programs have emerged, there is a clear plan to ensure its steady continuation.

2. Right-size juvenile probation / adult corrections expenditures

The proposed budget allocates \$9,328,506 for Juvenile Hall; this represents double the cost of what was spent 5 years ago, despite steadily decreasing numbers of youth in detention during that same time period. This doesn't make sense. Youth detention numbers have gone down due to a decline in youth crime and arrests, policy changes and increased awareness about the serious negative impacts of incarceration on youth. There is ample evidence that least restrictive, community-based solutions work better and are more cost-effective. Currently, we have an average of 9 youth at one time in a facility with 40 beds and 31 staff, which is a staff-youth ratio of more than 3-1. Based on these facts, we could reduce Juvenile Hall spending by 20% without compromising services to youth; in fact, the adjustment will help us invest more in health and community care for youth and their families.

On the adult side, the proposed budget allocates \$49,306,836 million for the Corrections Department alone. Many people in our jails are there for misdemeanors, the majority health-related. If we were to invest in prevention and alternative programs, we could significantly reduce the number of people in jail, saving millions of dollars and providing better outcomes for individuals in our community.

General Fund contributions to the Corrections Department should be reduced by 10% to help support the safety net for our most vulnerable community members. As a note: the Public Safety and Justice (PSJ) Department (which includes both Probation with its Juvenile Hall and the Sheriff's Office and others) receives a General Fund contribution (\$124 million) that is more than double HHS's General Fund contribution (\$52 million). And yet, over the years, no one questions the PSJ General Fund contributions for incarceration, while HHS is forced to take the hit for any grant shortfall.

We call on you to remember that **public health is public safety!**

3. Continue to democratize the budgeting process

We applaud the online budget tools and public hearings that have been improved compared to past years. We also see ways to continue democratizing the budget process, specifically by expanding mechanisms for department budget presentations earlier in the process, so that the public can voice concerns, suggest solutions and engage in genuine dialogue with decision makers. We also recommend that you vary the times for County budget hearings, to allow for the participation of working residents.

As your constituents, community members, and organizations working within Santa Cruz County, we call on you as elected officials to *ensure* that our county's budget is people-centered, fiscally prudent and reflects our shared values.

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"In every age, no matter how cruel the oppression carried on by those in power, there have been those who struggled for a different world. I believe this is the genius of humankind, the thing that makes us half divine: the fact that some human beings can envision a world that has never existed." ~Anne Braden, 1924-2006, a white anti-racist organizer, journalist, and leader in racial justice movements in the South.

From: [Board Of Supervisors](#)
To: [Jesseka Rodriguez](#)
Subject: FW: Santa Cruz mental health center faces closure if county cuts funding - Lookout Santa Cruz
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<https://lookout.co/for-santa-cruzs-most-vulnerable-this-peer-run-clubhouse-is-a-lifeline-now-the-county-could-take-it-away/story>

Peer support services is valuable to the mental health community.

Unfortunately proposition 1 changed funding in reducing the buckets with thirty percent of funding is towards housing. Peer programs and peer services are not included in funding these important programs in next fiscal year under Proposition 1. Thanks to voters that were misguided including diverting additional funding to housing that includes treatment programs and lock up facilities. The State just announced today of \$800 million dollars in funds in rounds of housing dollars. Already \$3.3 Billion dollars have been distributed under Proposition 1.

Mental Wellness is possible

With regards,

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With regards,

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NAMI California

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National Council for Mental Well Being

Certification October 13, 2023-October 13, 2026

Youth-Mental Health First Aid USA (MHFA)

National Council for Mental Well Being

Certification January 29, 2025-January 29, 2028

Certified California MediCal Peer Support Specialist

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Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors Proclamation

PROCLAIMING JUNE 2025 AS
NATIONAL ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS MONTH IN THE COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ

WHEREAS, Santa Cruz County is home to more than 72,000 residents aged 60 or older, representing 27 percent of the population, who enrich and strengthen our community by serving as leaders, mentors, volunteers and vital members of our community, each of whom deserve to be treated with respect and dignity, and by 2030, older adults will make up nearly 30 percent of all county residents; and

WHEREAS, over 3,000 reports of abuse against our elderly residents are received every year by the County of Santa Cruz Human Services Department's (HSD) Adult Protective Services; and

WHEREAS, elder abuse remains one of the most unrecognized and underreported issues affecting older adults, where recent studies estimate that approximately 1 in 10 people in the United States aged 60 and older have experienced some form of elder abuse, and where alarmingly, for every case reported to authorities, as many as 24 cases may go unreported, highlighting a significant gap in awareness and intervention; and

WHEREAS, with the lifespan of our aging population increasing locally and nation-wide, we have an opportunity to consider how we best meet collective needs and develop services so as to provide the best care and protection to those older adults vulnerable to elder abuse; and

WHEREAS, Santa Cruz County is a leader in California by earning an age-friendly community designation by the AARP, bolstered by collaboration among the HSD, the Santa Cruz County Sheriff's Department, local police departments, the District Attorney, the local Seniors Council (Area Agency on Aging), the Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program, Public Guardian Program, and many community services partners to prevent abuse, protect victims, and prosecute offenders who abuse our elderly; and

WHEREAS, when we work collectively to ensure proper social structures exist to help people retain community and societal connection as they age, we in turn reduce the likelihood of abuse, and increase social, cultural and political actions where real and sustainable change is possible, so that all older adults may live free from abuse, neglect and exploitation.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Felipe Hernandez, Chair of the Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors, hereby proclaim the day of June 15, 2025, to be World Elder Abuse Awareness Day, and the month of June 2025 to be Elder Abuse Awareness Month, and urge all Santa Cruz County residents to join in this observance and to help prevent elder abuse and support the well-being of all older adults in the county.





Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

June 4, 2025

Date