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Subject: Fw: Deny Appeal by the Las Pilitas Resources LLC for Proposed Quarry  
From: Debbie Arnold/BOS/COSLO - Friday 05/08/2015 01:07 PM  
Sent: Jennifer Caffee/BOS/COSLO  
by:

**Debbie Arnold**  
Supervisor, 5th District  
San Luis Obispo County

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From: Gabe Garcia <gabegar@att.net>  
To: "boardofsups@co.slo.ca.us" <boardofsups@co.slo.ca.us>  
Cc: "darnold@co.slo.ca.us" <darnold@co.slo.ca.us>  
Date: 05/08/2015 12:30 PM  
Subject: Deny Appeal by the Las Pilitas Resources LLC for Proposed Quarry

Dear San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors,

It is approaching 13 years that I moved into my small house on I Street in Santa Margarita.

Little did I know the joy this little community would bring or the pride I feel when I tell people where I live.

This joy and pride are now in jeopardy with the proposed Las Pilitas Quarry.

There are many "negatives" to our Santa Margarita community from this proposed quarry:

- the high number of trucks that would travel through the town
- the safety factor of the increased number of trucks on a narrow Hwy 58 with other motorist and bicycle riders
- the increased traffic down my street (I Street is the one "through" street reconnecting with El Camino)
- the endangered safety of the elementary school children with the number of truck traveling down Hwy 58
- the probable lower property values should we become a "quarry town"
- the many negative environmental impact factors found in your county's environmental impact report that cannot be mitigated to a satisfactory level

**Please uphold your own Planning Commission's lead and recommendation to deny this project.**

As was well-stated in a recent The Tribune opinion piece, this comes down to whose property rights matter more.

I urge you to uphold the Planning Commission vote to deny this project. I so doing, you demonstrate that you care

about the Santa Margarita community and value what this community has to offer our county. It would demonstrate

your belief in the property rights of the many Santa Margarita residents vs. a single property owner. It would

demonstrate

your belief that this project is inconsistent with high quality of life our community now

possesses.

I love my community and would hate to see our positive quality of life ruined by the many negative impacts of this proposed quarry.

**Please deny the appeal by the Las Pilitas Resources LLC.**

Thank you for your time and your serious consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Gabe Garcia

Santa Margarita



**To:** cr\_board\_clerk Clerk Recorder/ClerkRec/COSLO@Wings,  
**Cc:**  
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**Subject:** Las Pilitas Quarry emails  
**From:** Board of Supervisors/BOS/COSLO - Friday 05/08/2015 04:15 PM  
**Sent by:** Erin Mueller/BOS/COSLO

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**From:** Anne Davies or Dave Sommerville <80oaks@gmail.com>  
**To:** darnold@co.slo.ca.us, boardofsups@co.slo.ca.us  
**Date:** 04/06/2015 10:24 AM  
**Subject:** Las Pilitas Resources Quarry

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Please deny the quarry. I am a long time North County resident, have lived near the intersection of Las Pilitas and Pozo Roads for almost 15 years. In that time I have seen the "traffic" increase substantially. Large heavy trucks do not mix with school children, regular rural commuters and cyclists. I have witnessed many many near misses among all of these groups. Please protect everyone with a NO on the quarry.  
Anne Davies Sommerville

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**From:** Ryan Alaniz <dr.ryan.alaniz@gmail.com>  
**To:** boardofsups@co.slo.ca.us  
**Date:** 04/06/2015 10:30 AM  
**Subject:** Oster/Las Pilitas Quarry Please DENY Appeal

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Dear Board of Supervisors,  
As a resident living on Parkhill road in Santa Margarita and who commutes to Cal Poly for work,  
I am extremely concerned about the Oster/Las Pilitas Quarry expansion. I have read the relevant material as well as citizen comments about the project and agree with both the SLO planning staff and the planning commission that the quarry would have almost no positive impact for the community and extremely detrimental impact to the environment, the culture, the community, and significant danger to those living along highway 58 and in Santa Margarita proper.

If you would like evidence of the potential danger, please stand on the side of the very narrow highway 58 as one of the massive trucks with tonnage of rock pass alongside or watch the crosswalk at school's end as Santa Margarita elementary schoolchildren try to cross to the playground and imagine these trucks trying to stop in time.

According to the CDC, "**Motor vehicle injuries are a leading cause of death among children in the**

**United States.<sup>1</sup> But many of these deaths can be prevented.**"

[http://www.cdc.gov/motorvehiclesafety/child\\_passenger\\_safety/cps-factsheet.html](http://www.cdc.gov/motorvehiclesafety/child_passenger_safety/cps-factsheet.html)

In part, they can be prevented by not putting children in harm's way through poor choices around urban planning.

Please side with the people you represent and who voted you into office and **DENY the Oster/Las Pilitas Quarry Appeal.**

Thank you for your time,

Dr. Ryan Alaniz

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Survey Response

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Comments or questions (8,192 characters max):

I would like all of the Supervisors to know that this is not a project that

is beneficial or required. There is not a need for the aggregate and the benefits are not sufficient to override the Planning Commission and Planning Staffs denial.

This project benefits a few individuals at the expense of many people. It will also put many people who walk, bike and drive the proposed route in jeopardy, due to the inability of Highway 58, to handle trucks on a road without shoulders. The truck route goes through town by a school, a park and takes a 90 degree turn out onto twisty and hilly Highway 58.

If you have the time take a drive on the proposed haul route, and imagine numerous trucks, navigating the road along with other cars as well as walkers, cyclists and other passenger vehicles.

I urge you to follow the direction of the Planning Department Staff and The Planning Commission decisions to Deny this project.

Thanks

Steve Williams

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Survey Response

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Comments or questions (8,192 characters max):

To my Board of Supervisors:

I live at I would like my voice  
heard regarding  
the Las Pilitas Gravel Pit issue. I realize The Board has recommended  
twice that this  
project be denied, which I agree with. The owners of this project are now  
appealing

your decision. I would like you to know that I am very concerned with this project for several reasons. First, the additional truck traffic on Hwy 58 and on El Camino Real, going right through the hamlet of Santa Margarita. This additional truck traffic will greatly affect the quality of life for those of us living here. Secondly, the damage done to the roads by all this traffic should also be considered. The elementary school is also directly affected by this additional traffic on Hwy 58 at H Street. Thirdly, public safety, especially these young students and people crossing Hwy 58 to the Community Park, are of great concern to me as well. I know the argument is that there is already truck traffic on El Camino, but this additional truck traffic will be excessive and way out of proportion of what our small town can manage. Please stick with your recommendations to deny this project when it again comes before you.  
Thank you! Barbara Bolton

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#### Survey Response

Name:  
Laura Furtek

Telephone Number:

Email address:

Comments or questions (8,192 characters max):  
To the SLO county board of supervisors:

I respectfully am writing to express my opposition to the proposed gravel quarry project in Santa Margarita. As a citizen of the county for over twenty five years, having moved to San Luis Obispo from Orange County in 1989; I can attest to the negative consequences of over-development and the impacts that this would have on the local environment, wildlife, and safety of the residents. The estimated production of granite certainly exceeds the capacity of the roads in the surrounding area.

I lived in a town that had a rock quarry and it was an eyesore, and a contributor to unhealthy air quality in the areas adjacent to the quarry. As stewards of the county's well being, I feel strongly that it is your responsibility to deny the approval of this project. There must also be a consideration of how much water use this project would require, and seems inappropriate given the state of our local aquifers. Please consider how this will negatively impact the quality of life for those near and far from the proposed site of this rock quarry. Sincerely,  
Laura Furtek

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From: Gallagher Jill <jill@visitSantaMargarita.com>  
To: boardofsups@co.slo.ca.us  
Cc: Gallagher Jill <jill@visitsantamargarita.com>  
Date: 04/29/2015 05:45 PM  
Subject: Santa Margarita Las Pilitas Resources, LLC proposal for a industrial mine

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Dear SLO Board of Supervisors,  
I believe a person can own as much land as their dollars can buy. I believe a person can do whatever that property is zoned for. I believe another person can not tell that person how to live and work their land. I believe when what one does on their land moves out onto the open public roads - now it effects me. I believe I have a right to have a say how that will effect me. Mine all the rock that is allowed on your property - just don't bring it out on these old narrow roads that were not made for these trucks of today's world. That is where our rights cross. The Planning Commission said NO to this project. The Planning Commission said they can not control this State Hwy 58 to make sure the road is safe for all traveling on it. There is no reason to go past that statement. The answer is NO! SLO Board of Supervisors - you have an easy decision. No on this project. Thank you for your time and your service,  
Jill Gallagher

since 1983

Jill Gallagher

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From: "Gerald Serra" <gfserra@generaltech.com>  
To: <boardofsups@co.slo.ca.us>  
Date: 05/03/2015 02:27 PM  
Subject: Santa Margarita Quarry

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My wife and I have been residents of Creston since early 1980. We strongly support the Planning Board's denial of the proposed Santa Margarita Quarry Project. We are in hope that this denial will not be overturned. We feel that this project would be disastrous to the community.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Gerald and Eileen Serra

Creston, California.

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From: David Newman <dnewman@potrzebie.org>  
To: boardofsups@co.slo.ca.us  
Date: 05/04/2015 03:00 PM  
Subject: Oppose Oster/Las Pilitas Quarry

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Dear SLO County Board of Supervisors,

This is David Newman, a resident of Thousand Oaks, and a frequent visitor to Paso Robles and surrounding areas. I am also a Planning Commissioner for the City of Thousand Oaks but the views expressed here are my own.

Please reject the proposed Oster/Las Pilitas Quarry project, which is objectionable in several ways:

- it is a severe imposition on already constraint public water resources
- it would make Highway 58 an industrial haul route without adequate funding to cover repairs to the road damage this would cause
- it would remove a mountaintop near a residential area by explosives, negatively affecting the natural beauty of SLO County
- it proposes special treatment in the form of waivers from existing ordinances

The SLO County Planning Commission has already rejected this project. I urge you to do the same.

Sincerely,

David Newman

(affiliation used for identification only; views expressed are my own)

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Survey Response

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Comments or questions (8,192 characters max):  
Members of the Board of Supervisors,

The purpose of my message is to urge you to uphold the decision of the San Luis Obispo Planning Commission to deny the request by Las Pilitas Resources, LLC for Conditional Use Permit and Reclamation Plan DRC 2009-00025.

Given the high interest in this matter by the community of Santa Margarita, I am sure you have reviewed the voluminous amount of information gathered during the EIR process and the Planning Commission Hearings, and will consider it carefully in your decision.

As a participant in both the EIR process and the Planning Commission Hearings, I have additional observations I would like bring to your attention:

- The applicant largely accepted the findings of the EIR, with the only substantial challenge being the number of truck trips the quarry is likely to create. The EIR wisely bounded a "worst case" scenario based on the maximum tonnage the quarry would be permitted to mine per year, while recognizing that actual trip generations will likely be less. The applicant's position is that fewer trips will be generated, but they did not present any analysis to support their assertion., nor any analysis to show how a reduction in truck traffic would affect related impacts. Additionally,

they have not volunteered to limit their trip generations or to reduce their permitted yearly production. No other portions of the EIR were challenged by the applicant.

- Although the applicant accepted the findings of the EIR, they did not present any substantive proposals to attempt to mitigate the findings. Members of the public did present good proposals which could have at least partially mitigated the impact of the quarry, but the applicant did not deem to adopt these proposals, or even explain why they did not. For example, routing of traffic through the Hanson property would remove all impacts from Hwy 58 East of Santa Margarita, but the applicant has given no indication on whether they had attempted to explore this option.

- A potential to avoid imports of aggregate products from outside the County has been put forward in testimony as a reason for the project to be approved, but the citations of material imports are vague, making it impossible to verify their accuracy or even whether the imported material is the same type of aggregate the applicant proposes to mine.

The decision reached by the BOS legally must be based on the evidence in the record: i.e., the EIR and the testimony presented at the hearings.

The three members of the Planning Commission who voted to deny the application all stated that their decisions were based on this evidence.

However, the two members who voted to approve the application gave the following reasons for their decision:

- One Commissioner stated that he did not believe the estimated number of truck trips were accurate, but did not provide any basis for using an alternative estimate or an assessment of how a different estimate would affect the impacts of the project.

- The remaining Commissioner had previously resided near the Sisquoc quarries in Santa Barbara County. He stated that gravel trucks travelling through the town of Sisquoc successfully navigated two turns which were similar to the "J-Street corner" in Santa Margarita and therefore traffic would not be dangerous. A simple review of aerial photos of both towns reveals he is mistaken. Sisquoc does not contain any corner which analogous to the "J-Street corner" in Santa Margarita. Therefore his vote was based on incorrect information which was not part of the public record.

- Additionally, the same Commissioner's judgement of the noise which would be generated by the project was that citizens of Santa Margarita "would get used to it". This cavalier assessment is at odds with the evidence in the public record and does not provide a sound foundation for his decision.

I point out these errors to reinforce that a legal decision by the BOS must be based on the evidence in the record, which all parties have had opportunity to evaluate and respond to.

In closing, I again urge you to uphold the decision of the Planning Commission to deny the request by Las Pilitas

Resources, LLC for Conditional Use Permit and Reclamation Plan DRC  
2009-00025.

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#### Survey Response

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Comments or questions (8,192 characters max):  
Regarding: May 12, 2015 Agenda Item, Appeal by Las Pilitas Resources, LLC  
of the Planning Commission's  
decision to deny its application for a Conditional Use Permit and  
Reclamation Plan for the Las Pilitas Quarry

I am a 20 year resident of Santa Margarita and own a small business which  
is located in the center of town on  
El Camino Real. I am encouraging you to support the recommendations of your  
county planning staff and the  
Planning Commission and deny the appeal by Las Pilitas Resources, LLC.

I completely support the reasoned analysis of county planning staff and the  
Planning Commission in recommending  
denial of this project. Both bodies cited the following negative impacts as  
reasons for denial: increased levels  
of truck traffic and air and noise pollution, unmitigable safety hazards on  
Highway 58 and at the school and railroad  
crossings, damage to the view shed, the industrialization of Santa  
Margarita and damage to its growing tourist economy.

#### Applicant's Arguments Against Denial

1. The applicant has argued that county planning staff has  
over estimated the average number of  
truck trips per day for the proposed quarry project. However, county staff  
has explained that their estimate  
of 273 truck trips/day is based on dividing the requested 500,000 tons/year  
of quarry material by truck volume  
and work hours per day. There is no disputing this calculation... it is  
strictly a mathematical calculation.  
Whether or not one believes it is possible to move this much material is  
not relevant. If the applicant requests  
500,000 tons per year, then county staff is correct about the average truck

trips per day.

2. The applicant has argued that Santa Margarita already has numerous trucks passing through town and the increased truck trips resulting from the proposed quarry would be unnoticeable. The first statement of this argument is correct in that, depending on the season, there are numerous trucks trips day AND night as many road construction and repair projects occur at night. But following this logic, that truck traffic already exists and therefore it is acceptable to add more, then there is no reason not to just keep adding projects in the future which would increase truck traffic. Existing truck traffic is not a justification for allowing more truck traffic.

3. The applicant has argued that the proposed quarry would not generate new traffic because it would only be taking business from the two existing quarries, Hanson's and Rocky Canyon. However, any business which is diverted from existing quarries to the proposed quarry would absolutely increase truck trips through Santa Margarita since all of the Las Pilitas trucks would pass through Santa Margarita. None of Rocky Canyon's trucks pass through Santa Margarita, and only 25-30% of Hanson's trucks travel through town.

4. In contradiction of the above argument, that a new quarry would just be dividing existing business, the applicant has also argued that there is an unmet demand for quarry products and that another quarry is needed to meet this demand. If there is unmet demand then how can meeting that demand not increase truck traffic above existing levels. Selling more quarry products means more quarry trucks .

5. The applicant has argued that this quarry deserves support as it would be locally owned . However, there is absolutely nothing to prevent the applicant from selling this property and business in the future.

#### Community Opinion

There is no better way to accurately access the opinion of the community of Santa Margarita than by acknowledging the hundreds of letters, emails and public comments opposed to this project which were received and heard by the Planning Department and Planning Commission over the several years this project has been under consideration.

One might be tempted to look toward the Santa Margarita Area Advisory Council (SMAAC) for an indication of community opinion. During it's December 3, 2014 meeting SMAAC voted 11-6 in support of the applicant. However, SMAAC's vote does not represent the Santa Margarita community for the following reasons:

- The public was denied the opportunity to voice its concerns and opinions at the meeting as SMAAC did not agendaize the item.
- SMAAC did not hear a presentation from county staff at the meeting despite the fact that county staff had just released its recommendation for denial of the project.
- Only the applicant spoke at the SMAAC meeting.
- SMAAC held the vote despite complaints from several SMAAC board members that the vote hadn't been agendaized, the board members had not been notified of the vote, and the members had not received any information from county staff.

-Three SMAAC board members have a direct involvement with the applicant. The applicant, Mike Cole, and the applicant's lawyer, Sophie Treder, are both SMAAC members. They did not recuse themselves from the vote, but rather allowed their alternates, who were selected by Mr. Cole and Ms. Treder, to vote in support of the quarry project. Council member Stuart Souza also voted his support for the project. Mr. Souza, who's email address is stuart@souzaconstruction.com, is the son of quarry applicant Steve Souza.

- The two SMAAC board members representing Santa Margarita, Robert Stockel and Guy Rathbun, were opposed to holding the unagendized vote and wrote a letter to the Planning Commission explaining their protest.

In summary, SMAAC's vote does not represent the community of Santa Margarita. SMAAC should have agendized the vote, received a presentation from county staff, informed its members of the pending vote, and required members with a direct financial involvement with the applicant to recuse themselves.

[http://www.smaaconline.org/uploads/1/7/0/1/17015490/smaac\\_141203\\_draft\\_dec\\_minutes\\_rev\\_01.pdf](http://www.smaaconline.org/uploads/1/7/0/1/17015490/smaac_141203_draft_dec_minutes_rev_01.pdf)

For these reasons I respectfully request that you support the reasoned and thoughtful recommendations of county planning staff and the Planning Commission and deny the applicant's appeal.

Respectfully,

Heidi Petersen

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Nina@apwinery.com

Comments or questions (8,192 characters max):  
I reside and work in Santa Margarita and I oppose the Highway 58 quarry

project. I also have 4th grade and kindergarten students at SM elementary school. Please do not approve.

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Survey Response

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Donna Wolfe

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Comments or questions (8,192 characters max):  
Please do NOT have the Quarry in Santa Margarita! It going to be a nuisance to all who live there.  
My fear is that a child or adult can get hurt with all the trucks taking a toll on the already worn roads.  
Thank you. Donna Wolfe

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Subject: Las Pilitas Project

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Please deny the appeal by Las Pilitas Resources, LLC. Please protect our County from greedy companies.

- They want a LOT of granite over a LOT of years.
- Will need many hauling trips on an unimproved highway.
- Will use water. Remember, we don't have any water. I would rather have not let my lawn and flowers die.
- I can do without granite, and jobs shouldn't come at the expense of the environment.

*Valerie*

Valerie Zachary

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Survey Response

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Comments or questions (8,192 characters max):  
Regarding: May, 2015 Agenda Item, Appeal by Las Pilitas Resources, LLC of the Planning Commission's decision to deny its application for a Conditional Use Permit and Reclamation Plan for the Las Pilitas Quarry

I am a 25 year resident of the town of Santa Margarita. I am encouraging you to support the recommendations of your county planning staff and the Planning Commission and deny the appeal by Las Pilitas Resources, LLC.

I completely support the analysis of county planning staff and the Planning Commission in recommending denial of this project. Negative impacts sited by both bodies included: unmitigable safety hazards on Highway 58 and at the school and railroad crossings, increased levels of truck traffic and air and noise pollution, damage to the view shed, the industrialization of Santa Margarita and damage to its growing tourist economy.

The negative impacts of this project upon the community of Santa Margarita are difficult to underestimate. The entire community would be affected on many levels - businesses, families, school children - all being impacted to one degree or another. Community members have joined together in opposing this project, writing hundreds of letter, emails and public comments opposing the project which were received and heard by the Planning Department and Planning Commission since this project was brought up for consideration.

New local businesses are generally a good thing, but this project brings with it unreasonable unmitigatable changes and hazards. Please hear our voices and recognize our determination to retain the safety and character of our homes and our town.

I respectfully request that you support the reasoned and thoughtful

recommendations of county planning staff  
and the Planning Commission and deny the applicant's appeal.

Sincerely,

Marla Lipshin

mlipshin@gmail.com

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Survey Response

Name:  
Jerry De La Mora

Telephone Number:

Email address:  
jerrydml@aol.com

Comments or questions (8,192 characters max):  
As a resident of the Parkhill/ Las Pilitas community I am not in support of  
the new quarry for one reason.  
Hwy 58 in the area between the proposed quarry and U.S. 101 is not safely  
suited to handle large trucks such  
as those used by the Hanson quarry. Too many hills, curves, 90\* turns,  
stop signs at 55 mph intersections,  
railroad tracks mere feet from another 90\* turn onto a curve in ECR where  
no one obeys the southbound speed  
limit of 35 mph, don't forget the park or the elementary school crosswalk.  
TOO MANY ROAD HAZARDS FOR THIS PROJECT.  
Please respect my family's wishes and vote NO on the quarry appeal on May  
12th.

With respect,  
Jerry and Rosie De La Mora

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Survey Response

Name:  
Jerry De La Mora

Telephone Number:

Email address:  
jerrydlm@aol.com

Comments or questions (8,192 characters max):  
Please vote NO on the Las Pilitas quarry proposal. There are TOO MANY TRAFFIC HAZARDS ON THE PROPOSED ROUTE between the quarry site and U.S. 101.

Curves, hills, a stop sign with a 90 degree turn within feet of a railroad crossing, an elementary school crosswalk, a public park, a narrow bridge with yards of the 90 degree turn at a 55 mph intersection at Pozo Rd, out of town bicyclists and the new 3' law to save lives.

Could you help negotiate an road easement thru the Hanson quarry in a mitigation effort? That would be a win for Mr Cole, a win for our entire community, and a win for the Hanson quarry and/or the owners of the SM Ranch in the form of money for the road easement.

Mr. Jerry De La Mora

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Survey Response

Name:  
Tami Gunther

Telephone Number:

Email address:  
tamig030@aol.com

Comments or questions (8,192 characters max):  
Dear Supervisors,

I support your NO vote on the Las Pilitas Quarry project. Your Planning Commission has done a thorough and unbiased study of the project, unlike the SMAAC committee. Please vote based on fact, not opinion.

Respectfully,

Tami Gunther

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Survey Response

Name:  
Mark Tomes

Telephone Number:

Email address:  
tomes@charter.net

Comments or questions (8,192 characters max):  
Please vote no on the appeal of the Las Politas Quarry. It is dangerous for our neighborhood and schoolchildren, and it is not needed. Although I am a strong supporter of property rights, I also believe that we must work together in our community to do what is best for the common good. This quarry project is way out of line of the character of our community. A no vote is a vote for community.

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Survey Response

Name:  
Sandra woods

Telephone Number:

Email address:  
skwoods10@charter.net

Comments or questions (8,192 characters max):  
I am a Santa Margarita resident and I urge the the Board to uphold its decision to deny the quarry on Hwy 58! Thank you.

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Survey Response

Name:  
Jennifer Blue Allen

Telephone Number:

Email address:  
Blueallen@charter.net

Comments or questions (8,192 characters max):  
Something Blue is located at 22324 El Camino Real, next door to the Post Office in Santa Margarita, I have been the owner of this business for fifteen years now. Over the course of these years I have witnessed the vast increase of truck traffic greatly impacting the downtown business district of Santa Margarita. The impact of this increased truck traffic has greatly impacted my business in the following ways : safety in parking, increased level of dirt and dust, noise level ( often I must close

the front door just to be able to talk on the phone ).  
I have witnesses the trucks speeding, and trucks idling in the center lane.  
Furthermore, my home is located at 22165 I street ( four houses up from  
highway 58 ) and  
I have witnessed change there as well. Trucks often take "the shortcut"  
down I street,  
it is a residential neighborhood with small children going to and from the  
local elementary  
school. The increased traffic makes it difficult to exit my driveway  
located just near the  
severe curve in the road at 58 and J street.  
In my opinion the quarry appeal should be denied. I hope that you will  
consider this matter  
very carefully, and come to the same conclusion as I have.

Sincerely,  
Jennifer Blue Allen

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Survey Response

Name:  
Ted Mathiesen

Telephone Number:

Email address:  
st\_math@yahoo.com

Comments or questions (8,192 characters max):  
My name is Ted Mathiesen and I am writing this letter to you, the San Luis  
Obispo County  
Board of Supervisors concerning the May 12th hearing to determine the fate  
of the proposed  
Oster/Las Pilitas Rock Quarry. I am urging you to abide by the San Luis  
Obispo County  
Planning Commission recommendation to not approve this project. I have  
several specific  
concerns with regard to this project that I will outline below, but first a  
little  
information about my family and myself.

My wife Susan and I have lived in Santa Margarita continuously since 1983.  
We have  
raised five children in town who all attended Santa Margarita Elementary.  
We currently  
have a first grade son attending Santa Margarita Elementary as well. I  
bicycle with him  
daily to school, crossing Highway 58 at the crosswalk that is at the heart

of the proposed haul route for the quarry trucks.

My specific number one concern with regard to approval of the proposed Oster/Las Pilitas Rock Quarry is one of increased truck traffic along the Community Park, Elementary School, Railroad Crossing corridor, and within the "downtown " area, and the potential for a tragic situation (accident, fatality) to occur due to the increased truck traffic.

With the addition of up to 273 truck trips per day proposed by the project and possibly more during "emergency" operations, how could anyone possibly believe this would not have a significant impact on the safety and welfare of our small community and its residents?

Additionally all truck traffic generated from the proposed quarry passing through the residential neighborhood along Estrada Avenue and through downtown Santa Margarita along SR 58 will compromise the small town, rural character of the community, the exact desirable qualities that families want, its why we live here.

The above are my concerns as a parent and community member, my concerns as a taxpayer and voter are as follows:

County Planning Staff recommended the following in their report to the Planning Commission:  
"The required findings for issuance of the Conditional Use Permit cannot be met because the project would adversely impact the health, safety, and welfare of the community and the public as a result of seven significant and unavoidable impacts related to aesthetics, noise and traffic... the benefits of the project do not appear to outweigh the significant environmental impacts identified in the FEIR."

Additionally: "In accordance with California State law, county decision makers must consider project consistency with County General Plan. With all necessary information available, County of San Luis Obispo Department of Planning and Building staff "objectively determined this project is not consistent with the General Plan."

The above quoted statements are in the staff report that was submitted to the County Planning Commission. The commission took this information as well as many other written and oral statements from the public, and voted to deny this project. They did not certify the final EIR submitted by the proponent as well. This is in my opinion an example of local Government working as it should, the commission listened to their staff and three members voted based on the facts, followed the law, and did not let political ideology sway their vote.

The two other commissioners who voted in favor of the project however were quite obvious about their pre-conceived opinions throughout all three public meetings, which I attended, in voting

to approve this project. Mr. Campbell being the most outspoken since he stated he was a former trucker/aggregate hauler and he stated he knew more than the planning staff about the entire proposed project.

If you as the San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors who will vote on this project at the May 12th hearing vote to approve the Oster/Las Pilitas Rock Quarry, I firmly believe you are not only ignoring the planning staff and planning commission recommendations, but will be ignoring the vast majority of Santa Margarita residents expressed views.

A wise man once said, "it is often very hard to do the right thing, but the outcome will be better than doing the easy wrong thing". I strongly encourage you to do the right thing and support the recommendation to deny the application for this project.

/s/ Ted Mathiesen

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Survey Response

Name:  
Eva Inglizian

Telephone Number:

Email address:  
sagrada.acu@gmail.com

Comments or questions (8,192 characters max):  
To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to say that I am against the Las Pilitas Quarry Project. I am a Santa Margarita resident and live with my husband and two young children on Pozo Rd. right past the 58 intersection. I am very concerned about maintaining the safety of the community, limiting dust and noise pollution and preserving the quaint charm of Margarita as it is, as well as my property value. Allowing the Quarry project will negatively impact our livelihood, business of a vacation rental and quality of

life. I feel my family and community will be at danger if many trucks are passing every day.

Please do not allow this project to go any further. I am strongly against this and sincerely hope you deny this project.

Thank you,

Eva Inglizian

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From: Samantha McMullen <goldenfriars@gmail.com>  
To: boardofsups@co.slo.ca.us  
Date: 05/07/2015 05:05 PM  
Subject: Deny the Las Pilitas Resources Appeal

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UPHOLD THE PLANNING COMMISSION'S DECISION

The Planning Commission made the correct decision when they denied the proposed Las Pilitas Resources quarry on Highway 58.

Highway 58 is a narrow road with low visibility in places and several switchback turns that are barely navigable for larger ranch trucks let alone semi-trucks hauling articulated loads. Driving to get to and from home is often harrowing, especially when cyclists are out and drivers must observe the (legally mandated) 3-foot space requirement away from them. This puts us over the line and in the path of oncoming vehicles. The only saving grace is that there is relatively little traffic on that road at the time and the vehicles you experience are able to stop relatively quickly because they aren't hauling tons and tons of aggregate behind them. Add several hundred semi-trucks per day and you're begging for a tragedy to happen.

Also, we simply don't have the water for this project. As I'm sure you're all well aware, we are in a historic drought and allowing a commercial enterprise to use excessive amounts of water when local residents' wells are going dry is not only in poor taste, it's also not upholding the goals and purpose of the Board of Supervisors, which is to look out for the residents you serve and not to line the pockets of a few wealthy and well-connected people.

One last bit of concern is for the pedestrians in Margarita, most of which are school children. The school crossing runs across 58 in an area with little visibility, and crossing El Camino is a harrowing experience already without the benefit of traffic lights for cross traffic—approving the quarry will effectively compound the problem many times over and could, again, lead to tragedy.

There is literally no benefit to this project apart from the fiscal benefits for the applicants. To pretend otherwise is insulting to residents who've lived here for generations and whose families will be impacted negatively. So please do your duty and uphold the Planning Commission's findings—the residents here will remember you for it.

Thank you,  
Samantha McMullen-Degnan

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From: "Lynda" <996Porsche@charter.net>  
To: <boardofsups@co.slo.ca.us>  
Date: 05/07/2015 05:26 PM  
Subject: uphold Planning Commission ( Santa Margarita Quarry) deny the appeal

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*Dear Supervisors,  
Please deny the appeal of the Planning Commission decision to deny a rock mining proposal east of Santa Margarita.  
I can only imagine how awful it would be to have the truck traffic going past our home everyday. Protect the residents of Santa Margarita.  
Uphold the decision of the Planning Commission.  
Sincerely, Lynda Merrill, 30 year County resident, Morro Bay*

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Survey Response

Name:  
Scott Currie

Telephone Number:

Email address:  
yoscott@gmail.com

Comments or questions (8,192 characters max):  
Dear Board of Supervisors,

I am a Santa Margarita resident and strongly against the proposed quarry project.  
The added traffic, increase in noise and dust pollution are just a few of

my concerns.

I am most worried about the possible accidents that will take place along the 58 and Pozo intersection. (My wife and I pass this intersection several times a day to take our two children to school, after school activities, and get to and from work. This corner gets very busy during the morning and evening commutes.) Adding large trucks will create a hazard, as other motorists will inevitably attempt to pass them on this section of Pozo, which has blind spots, is narrow and hilly. I am also an avid cyclist and frequent rides along Pozo Road several times a week. Again, adding numerous trucks along the narrowest section of Pozo will increase the chance of accidents. Overall the proposed quarry will decrease our quality of life.

Please deny this project.

Thanks,  
Scott Currie

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#### Survey Response

Name:  
Holly Naylor

Telephone Number:

Email address:  
dancehikerholly@gmail.com

Comments or questions (8,192 characters max):

I want the board to seriously think about the vote you will make on the Quarry. A no vote means that you are looking out for the property rights of the citizens of Santa Margarita. Quarry materials are not in demand as these materials are available from surrounding quarries. What is at stake is the peace and quality of life of the people who live in the vicinity of the quarry. Ask yourself

if  
you would want this disturbance in your neighborhood? Please uphold the  
decision  
made by your planning commissioners and vote no on the Las Politas Quarry.

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Survey Response

Name:  
Vicki Bookless

Telephone Number:

Email address:  
vickib2004@charter.net

Comments or questions (8,192 characters max):  
I strongly support a NO vote on the Las Pilitas project. Our Planning  
Commission  
did a thorough and unbiased analysis of the project before making their  
recommendation.  
Please vote for the health and safety of the community of Santa Margarita  
and NO  
on the Las Pilitas project!  
Thank you, Vicki Bookless

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Survey Response

Name:  
Billy Foppiano

Telephone Number:

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thewiz@funlivemusic.com

Comments or questions (8,192 characters max):

RE: Hwy 58 quarry appeal

The quarry is a REAL bad idea. It will impact ALL the residents in the surrounding area negatively. Please deny the Quarry.

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Survey Response

Name:  
Ingrid Olsen McRoberts

Telephone Number:

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ingolsen@hotmail.com

Comments or questions (8,192 characters max):

Regarding: May 12, 2015 Agenda Item, Appeal by Las Pilitas Resources, LLC of the Planning Commission's decision to deny its application for a Conditional Use Permit and Reclamation Plan for the Las Pilitas Quarry.

I am a 5 year resident of Santa Margarita and a lifetime resident of San Luis Obispo County. I would like to encourage you to support the recommendations of your County Planning staff and the Planning Commission and deny the appeal by Las Pilitas Resources, LLC.

I believe the approval of the quarry will have overwhelming negative impact on our small community. At this time, there are some large trucks that travel through Santa Margarita on El Camino Real, in numbers far less than what is proposed. The idea that a truck could be traveling through town every 3 minutes is overwhelming.

I enjoy living in our small community with such friendly neighbors. The sense of community I feel living here is what most people seek when looking for a place to

call home. I enjoy my daily dog walks with my neighbors, riding my bike to get the mail, attending many special events benefitting the community, and visiting the businesses in town. If this project is approved, I fear that this sense of community will be lost. I believe that some businesses will close and residents who are our friends will move, due to the loss of a peaceful and small community.

While I do not want to stand in the way of commerce, and in fact am acquainted with the owners of the proposed project, it is not in the best interest of the community at large to allow such a project. These trucks traveling through town will not create any revenue for the businesses in Santa Margarita.

If you have not taken the time to visit our community during the day, please come and pay us a visit. All you have to do is park in front of the post office, get a cup of coffee or a meal, stand on the sidewalk, say hello to the locals, visit the businesses, and see what a great place this is. While you are here visiting, please imagine what it would be like if a gravel truck flew past every few minutes.

For these reasons I respectfully request that you support the recommendations of County Planning staff and the Planning Commission and deny the applicant's appeal.

Thank You,  
Ingrid Olsen McRoberts

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#### Survey Response

Name:  
Catherine Atkins

Telephone Number:

Email address:  
catkins7@msn.com

Comments or questions (8,192 characters max):  
Dear Supervisors:

Re: Las Pilitas (Hwy 58) Rock Quarry

Comment for Tuesday, May 12, 2015 hearing to consider an appeal Conditional Use Permit and Reclamation Plan

Water is important to SLO and will always be a scarce resource. The proposed Las Pilitas Quarry will use huge amounts of ground water and contaminate surface water.

The United States Geological Survey puts water use per person per day at 80 to 100 gallons.

The Las Pilitas Quarry Project, by it's own figures, will use 40,000 to 50,000 gallons of water per day, approximately as much water per day as would be used by 600 people.

Santa Margarita Elementary School and Santa Margarita Park are across the street from each other on Highway 58. The estimated 250 trucks a day going between the school and the park will be dangerous for the children. This especially contributes to the reasons for denial of this variance.

Citizens bought their homes in Santa Margarita in good faith that they were buying in an area that suited them. Their homes are the only investments that most people have. Approval of this variance will take value from them by degrading the quality of life and lowering their property values.

This zoning variance will cause "Significant and unavoidable impacts associated with Aesthetics and Visual Resources, Noise, and Transportation and Circulation." This is a quote from Notice of Public Hearing, County File Number: DRC2009-00025.

Because of the "impacts on local aesthetics, agricultural resources, air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, geology and soils, hazards and hazardous materials, noise, population/housing, public services/utilities, transportation/circulation, water, land use, , groundwater contamination, surface water contamination, vibration, dangerous precedents, expanded operation and losing local control" I urge the Board to vote against this zoning appeal."

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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From: Gabe Garcia <gabegar@att.net>  
To: "boardofsups@co.slo.ca.us" <boardofsups@co.slo.ca.us>  
Cc: "darnold@co.slo.ca.us" <darnold@co.slo.ca.us>  
Date: 05/08/2015 12:30 PM  
Subject: Deny Appeal by the Las Pilitas Resources LLC for Proposed Quarry

Dear San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors,  
It is approaching 13 years that I moved into my small house on I Street in Santa

Margarita.

Little did I know the joy this little community would bring or the pride I feel when I tell people where I live.

This joy and pride are now in jeopardy with the proposed Las Pilitas Quarry.

There are many "negatives" to our Santa Margarita community from this proposed quarry:

- the high number of trucks that would travel through the town
- the safety factor of the increased number of trucks on a narrow Hwy 58 with other motorist and bicycle riders
- the increased traffic down my street (I Street is the one "through" street reconnecting with El Camino)
- the endangered safety of the elementary school children with the number of truck traveling down Hwy 58
- the probable lower property values should we become a "quarry town"
- the many negative environmental impact factors found in your county's environmental impact report that cannot be mitigated to a satisfactory level

**Please uphold your own Planning Commission's lead and recommendation to deny this project.**

As was well-stated in a recent The Tribune opinion piece, this comes down to whose property rights matter more.

I urge you to uphold the Planning Commission vote to deny this project. I so doing, you demonstrate that you care

about the Santa Margarita community and value what this community has to offer our county. It would demonstrate

your belief in the property rights of the many Santa Margarita residents vs. a single property owner. It would demonstrate

your belief that this project is inconsistent with high quality of life our community now possesses.

I love my community and would hate to see our positive quality of life ruined by the many negative impacts of this proposed quarry.

**Please deny the appeal by the Las Pilitas Resources LLC.**

Thank you for your time and your serious consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Gabe Garcia

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Survey Response

Name:  
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Comments or questions (8,192 characters max):  
The time has come for you to make a decision on a very important matter that could possibly destroy one of the cutest, quaint little towns on the Central Coast, Santa Margarita. My wife and I moved to Santa Margarita about 12 years ago and reside on I Street which is in close proximity to Hwy. 58 and the proposed truck route. This is already a dangerous road without allowing the number of truck trips a day that Las Pilitas Quarry has in mind.

Please put your political affiliations aside and make a decision based on how your decision will ruin our beautiful town. I am all for the rights of people but the land rights and benefits of a few will ruin the lives of thousands.....

Kyle Coots  
Santa Margarita

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From: "Internet Webmaster" <webmaster@co.slo.ca.us>  
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Comments or questions (8,192 characters max):  
I really can't believe that anyone can think that trucks loaded with tonnage of rocks from

the new proposed quarry can safely maneuver Hwy. 58. Not to mention the driving through town every 3 minutes. There's an accident/death just waiting to happen. There may be dollars to be made for a select few but there is no sense to put a whole town in harms way and take away the charm this town holds for it's residents, business owners and visiting tourists.  
Karen Wilkins -resident since 1980

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From: tophand@charter.net  
To: boardofsups@co.slo.ca.us <boardofsups@co.slo.ca.us>  
Date: 05/08/2015 03:38 PM  
Subject: Quarry

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Please deny this project. It will ruin our town, and is not needed. We already put up with enough traffic from the existing quarry, and certainly do not need another. The new one would be a hazard to all of us bicyclists, dog walkers, and children. Every person living in our town MUST go to the post office to get our mail. We must all get onto El Camino Real to go ANYWHERE. PLEASE DENY THIS PROJECT. Thank you for listening, Barbara Young

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From: "Lynda" <996Porsche@charter.net>  
To: <boardofsups@co.slo.ca.us>  
Date: 05/08/2015 03:39 PM  
Subject: Fw: uphold Planning Commission ( Santa Margarita Quarry) deny the appeal

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*Dear Supervisors, it would seem appropriate for the Quarry people to build a rim road to bypass Santa Margarita's down town, since that is the business they are in it would make sense.  
Lynda Merrill*

From: [Lynda](#)  
Sent: Thursday, May 07, 2015 4:50 PM  
To: [boardofsups@co.slo.ca.us](mailto:boardofsups@co.slo.ca.us)  
Subject: uphold Planning Commission ( Santa Margarita Quarry) deny the appeal

*Dear Supervisors,  
Please deny the appeal of the Planning Commission decision to deny a rock mining proposal east of Santa Margarita.  
I can only imagine how awful it would be to have the truck traffic going past our home everyday.*

*Protect the residents of Santa Margarita.  
Uphold the decision of the Planning Commission.  
Sincerely, Lynda Merrill, 30 year County resident, Morro Bay*

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From: "dwaller5735" <dwaller5735@yahoo.com>  
To: <boardofsups@co.slo.ca.us>  
Date: 05/08/2015 03:39 PM  
Subject: Deny the Las Palitas Resources Appeal

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UPHOLD THE PLANNING  
COMMISSION'S DECISION

The Planning Commission's decision to deny Las Pilitas Resources proposed quarry was the right decision and I am asking that their decision be upheld.

There are no pluses to allowing the Las Palitas Quarry Project to go forward. There are many reasons to disallow it.

Highway 58 is a dangerous road and unsuitable for the amount of trucks called for to make this project a success. Consider that between 273 and 800 daily truck trips would mean a truck passes through on this road and through a school zone at the rate of from every 2 minutes to every 45 seconds.

This is a threat to the health and safety of the residents and the children in particular.

It could also be expected that the congestion it would create would encourage people to short cut through a residential area on H and I streets creating a significant negative impact on the health and safety of residents.

Quarries require thousands of gallons of water each day. Water we can not afford to waste.

We have water issues in this area and because of the drought many people already have to haul in water. So any increase in the water consumption in this area should be taken very seriously. And the notion that they can just get water from the State Water Project has been debunked. That is not going to happen. That area does not qualify.

Even without the drought conditions, there could be a negative impact on the wetland and riparian habitat in the area and most definitely on the water level on the remaining functioning wells.

All these reasons, including the air quality, aesthetics, noise, are a myriad of concerns that all add up to a negative impact with no benefit. And that is reason enough to deny this appeal and uphold the decision rendered by the Planning Commission.

Thank you,

Deanie Waller  
Santa Margarita, CA