

January 28, 2016

Dear Supervisors Adam, Carbajal, Farr, Lavagnino and Wolf:

I am writing to you today because I have been made aware of the fact that Mr. Armenta, owner of Camp 4 is asking you to remove the requirements of the Williamson Act that impacts the development of that property.

You may or may not know that when the Williamson Act was first put in place, my father John V. Crawford and my uncle Thomas H. Crawford signed up Camp 4 and the rest of San Lucas Ranch to be constrained by that Act for several reasons.

Some of the reasons were personal such as wanting to curb the rising real estate prices occurring because of an influx of people who had just discovered the gem of the Santa Ynez Valley. Other reasons were more global such as the intense desire to keep their properties, particularly the four corners of Highways 154/246 free from development, available forever for agriculture, a business that pays a lot of Santa Barbara County bills.

Some of the reasons were more practical such as knowing that it would be virtually impossible to grow most crops, build much housing or put in all weather roads because of the yellow clay soil type that prevents proper drainage across that entire area. Only ripping all of the ground with six-foot rippers will penetrate that layer to allow any drainage at all. That is in fact what was done to plant the grape vineyard on the back of Camp 4 only it was done on the weekend when no one would notice. This is a known issue but perhaps not by you.

Many days, weeks, and years have gone into planning the future of the Valley by many valley residents, including myself, to ensure a harmonious continuity of development where it will not destroy the value of the bucolic yet productive nature of our community. Was this all for nothing?

The County of Santa Barbara has an obligation to perform a variety of functions, supreme among them is to follow its own regulations that it has put in place for the protection of the County for which it has paid many hundreds of thousands of taxpayer dollars to fund consultants, workshops, EIR's etc.

The Williamson Act contracts specify certain conditions under which they may be cancelled. I know this because San Lucas Ranch, one of the larger productive ranch properties in the County, is under a number of Williamson Act contracts that I personally assumed when my father died. One person bullying the Board of Supervisors is not one of them.

I am an Appellant in the matter currently pending before the U.S. Department of the Interior, Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs involving the Fee-to Trust application. I am doing this because I am certain that any sizeable development on Camp 4 or Camp 2 (triangle property) will most definitely destroy the ground due to drainage from those properties across my ranch. There are numerous other damages that will most certainly occur as well.

I am clear that no one including the Board of Supervisors has any real knowledge as to what is actually planned to be built on any properties proposed to be FTT. As we have all repeatedly seen, the story changes each time it is told. Also, no matter what is said, once the FTT goes through, anything

can be built and no amount of protesting even by you will make one whit of difference.

You have an obligation to follow the laws including those you have set forth yourself such as the Valley Plan etc., state law and Federal law. To not do so puts you in immediate jeopardy. Furthermore, it has been reported that one of you has stated that the housing concept has nothing to do with needing housing but rather is a reparations issue having to do with perceived wrongs done to Mr. Armenta. This is not a condition under which the Williamson Act may be altered or cancelled. Do you recall the phrase, "equal protection under the law"?

From the outside, it seems simply to be greed and liberal guilt that is working here which is not the function of a responsible county government. I fear that this road will lead to many heartaches for this county and the individuals who succumb to one man's irrational fury.

Sincerely,

Anne V. Crawford-Hall
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