

Agenda Item 3A: State Advocacy Letters

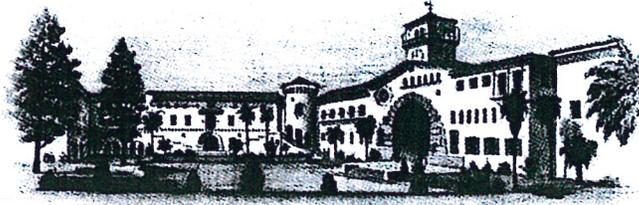
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July 13, 2015

The Honorable Bill Quirk
Assemblymember, 20th District
State Capitol, Rm 2163
Sacramento, CA 94249

Fax No.: (916) 319-2120

RE: AB 57 Telecommunications: wireless telecommunication - OPPOSE

Dear Assemblymember Quirk,

I am writing on behalf of the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors to express their opposition for AB 57 Telecommunications: wireless telecommunication facilities. This bill would erode local government land use authority for wireless telecommunication facility siting and design and bypass the CEQA process.

Telecommunications facilities require discretionary zoning permits, and the permitting process will often require more time than the 150 day processing window the bill proposes under the best of circumstances. The discretionary permitting process includes getting adequate information from the applicant to determine that an application is complete, followed by the preparation and circulation for public review of a CEQA document, and finally, preparation of a staff report and attendance at a public hearing. This process is legally required and often takes more than 150 days.

The Santa Barbara County 2015 Legislative Platform, adopted by the Board of Supervisors, includes the principle of Local Control. The principle supports efforts to ensure local authority and control over governance issues and land use policies. AB 57 would conflict with this principle. For these reasons, Santa Barbara County opposes AB 57. If you have questions about the Board's position, please contact the County's Legislative Coordinator, Joseph Toney at 805-568-2060 or jtoney@countyofsb.org.

Sincerely,

Janet Wolf
Chair, Board of Supervisors

cc: Assemblymember Katcho Achadjian, 35th Assembly District
Assemblymember Das Williams, 37th Assembly District
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The Honorable Das Williams
Assemblymember, 37th District
State Capitol, Room 4005
Sacramento, CA 94249

FAX No.: (916) 319-2137

RE: AB 864 Oil spill response: environmentally and ecologically sensitive areas – SUPPORT

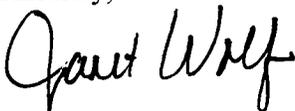
Dear Assemblymember Williams,

I am writing on behalf of the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors to express their support for AB 864 Oil spill response: environmentally and ecologically sensitive areas. This bill will require an operator of an oil pipeline along environmentally and ecologically sensitive areas near the coast to use the best available technology to reduce the amount of oil released in an oil spill in order to protect state waters and wildlife. This includes automatic shut off technology, and requires a pipeline operator to document the best available technology used in their oil spill contingency plan.

With the recent oil spill along the Santa Barbara County coastline, improved speed of issue detection and faster response times are necessary. This bill will ensure that the best available technology is in place with the purpose of protecting water and wildlife. For these reasons, Santa Barbara County supports AB 864.

If you have questions about the Board's position, please contact the County's Legislative Coordinator, Joseph Toney at 805)568-2060 or jtoney@countyofsb.org.

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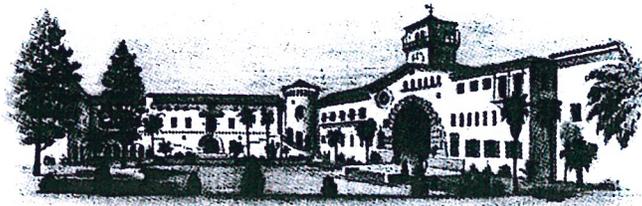
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RE: ACR 58 Ralph Fertig Memorial Bicycle-Pedestrian Path and the Peter Douglas Coastal Access Way – SUPPORT

Dear Assemblymember Williams,

I am writing on behalf of the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors to express their support for Assembly Concurrent Resolution 58 Ralph Fertig Memorial Bicycle-Pedestrian Path and the Peter Douglas Coastal Access Way. This resolution honors Ralph Fertig's bicycle advocacy and Peter Douglas's coastal advocacy. Both of were strong supporters of California and their communities.

These two men were tireless advocates for their cause. The project to widen State Highway Route 101 would not have been possible without Mr. Fertig's many years of diligent determination and direction to improve local bicycling conditions. Mr. Douglas was a relentless advocate for coastal access, protection and park preservation. For these reasons, Santa Barbara County supports ACR 58.

If you have questions about the Board's position, please contact the County's Legislative Coordinator, Joseph Toney at 805)568-2060 or jtoney@countyofsb.org.

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The Honorable Das Williams
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Sacramento, CA 94249

FAX No.: (916) 319-2137

RE: AB 3 Isla Vista Community Services District – SUPPORT

Dear Assemblymember Williams,

On May 19, 2015, the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors voted to support for Assembly Bill 3 (Williams) Isla Vista Community Services District (IVCSD), if amended with the requirement that the District approves a Utility User's Tax (UUT) within 6 years instead of 10 years. The Bill has since been amended for the UUT to be passed by January 1, 2023, or within 6 years. The Board of Supervisors supports the amended legislation.

If you have any questions about the Board's position, please contact the County's Legislative Coordinator, Joseph Toney at (805) 568-2060 or jtoney@countyofsb.org.

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