

4/6/09

Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors
105 East Anapamu Street
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

Re: Proposed Planning & Development Budget Cuts

Dear Supervisors,

We are all aware of the economic trials in which we find ourselves these days. Tough times call for all of us to tighten our belts and to reduce costs where possible. This letter is a request to re-think some of the proposed County cost cutting measures and to research some alternatives. Specifically, we are concerned with the County's proposal to close the Buellton Building Department and to reduce the Planning & Building Counter hours in Santa Maria.

The Mission Statement of the Board of Supervisors found on the County's website says the following:

Mission: Provide quality public services to the people of Santa Barbara County in response to their need for a healthy, safe, and prosperous environment; and to establish and maintain a workforce which reflects the diversity of the community.

It is the reduction of these public services that will ultimately cause this Mission Statement to be unfulfilled and the Santa Barbara County community to suffer.

We appreciate the County's need to reduce costs, but by removing necessary services and by removing a local presence in the Valley, more harm than good will be done. Please consider the following points:

- In 2007, the revenue generated from the Buellton Office was equal to or greater than revenue in the North County.
- Additional energy consumption required to make daily and weekly trips to Santa Maria for submittals.
- Lost flexibility and efficiency of "in-town" building inspector.
- Less likely to have "why bother" syndrome (individuals choosing to not get a permit).

Note:
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restore the Buellton
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\$ 147,309.

Please allow us to make a few suggestions:

- Consider sharing space with the County Fire Department in their current offices.
- Provide reduced hours for the Building Department & Inspections in Buellton, maybe M,W,F.
- Provide a planner in Buellton to reduce trips to Santa Maria.
- Close Santa Maria Office on Monday or Friday to submittals, rather than proposed afternoons every day.

We appreciate the opportunity to share these ideas and to discuss them with a concerned audience and look forward to a compromise that will meet the County's needs; both the collective departments and the community as a whole.

Very Truly Yours,

~~F. Evans Jones~~ F. EVANS JONES, ARCHITECT & CBAR MEMBER
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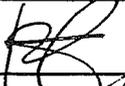
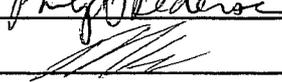
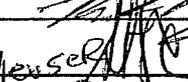
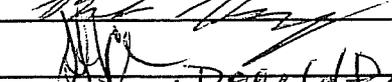
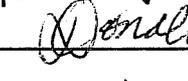
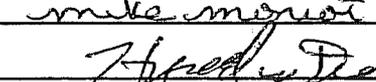
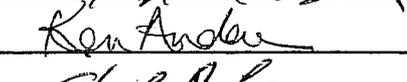
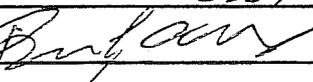
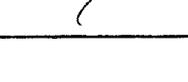
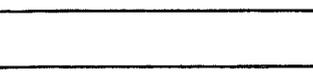
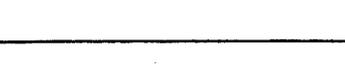
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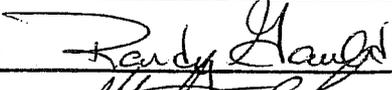
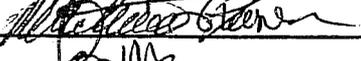
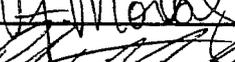
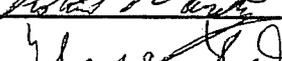
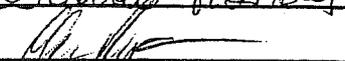
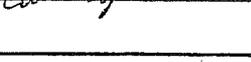
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Christiansson, Jette

From: Katz, Rachel
Sent: Monday, April 20, 2009 3:54 PM
To: Christiansson, Jette
Subject: FW: Buellton planning office

Jette,

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From: Mason, Steve
Sent: Monday, April 20, 2009 3:13 PM
To: Katz, Rachel
Cc: Blaine, Betsy; Black, Dianne; Zimmer, Mike; Baker, John
Subject: RE: Buellton planning office

Rachel - per your request

Buellton Office Est Annual Cost FY 09-10

Rent	16,164
Utilities	2,000
Janitorial Svs	1,872
ITS 20% of B&S	3,889
Phones 15% of B&S	2,239
Counter Tech	77,575
Superivovsr 33%	39,270
Storage/ Office Expense	4,300
Total	\$ 147,309

Steve Mason
Administration Deputy Director
Planning and Development Department

From: Katz, Rachel
Sent: Monday, April 20, 2009 12:03 PM
To: Mason, Steve
Cc: Blaine, Betsy
Subject: Buellton planning office

Hi Steve,

Would you please let me know a dollar amount for restoration of the Buellton planning office? This came up as an issue at the last

5/11/2009

Board meeting and we want the number handy in case the Board decides to restore during budget hearings. Thanks.

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