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City of Grover Beach  
Attention: Karen Bright, Bill Nicolls, Jeff Lee, Glenn Marshall, and Debbie Peterson  
154 S. Eighth Street  
Grover Beach, CA 93433

Subject: Removal of Mayor Debbie Peterson from the APCD and Collaboration to Minimize Impacts of the Grover Beach Lodge & Conference Center on Oceano Dunes

Dear City Council,

FRIENDS OF OCEANO DUNES, INC. ("FRIENDS"), is a California not-for-profit corporation representing approximately 28,000 members and users of Oceano Dunes State Vehicular Recreation Area ("Oceano Dunes SVRA") located near Pismo Beach, California. According to its Articles of Incorporation, FRIENDS is formed for the express purpose of preserving and developing recreational uses in the Oceano Dunes area of San Luis Obispo County, California.

FRIENDS has written several letters expressing our concerns with the proposed Grover Beach Lodge & Conference center. Your Mayor, Debbie Peterson reached out to us. Although FRIENDS has reservations about the Lodge and Conference Center, we have greatly appreciated Debbie's willingness to reach out and work with us, and based on that effort, we were willing to work with the Mayor to address impacts of this very large development. FRIENDS viewed this as a partnership working collaboratively to meet each other's needs.

Unfortunately, your recent vote to remove Mayor Peterson from the APCD raises great concern and, in fact, has convinced us that our interests will not be protected or even addressed. We are deeply concerned by this change and now question the partnership that we were developing and the collaboration that was taking place.

In conclusion, FRIENDS is looking to partner with the local community. We can collectively do many good things, however replacement of the Mayor in this critical position leads us to believe that Grover Beach does not share in this vision.

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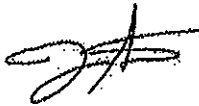
Public Resources Code (5003.02.1) provides:

**"(3) The development will not impact the resources or the public's use of the state park."**

Unfortunately, this development will have a negative impact on the public's use of the state park and the resources. Now Grover Beach has taken a significant step back from its earlier commitments to seek ways to remedy this. The Mayor's position on the APCD put her in a unique position to balance the needs of the City and the potential impacts to the park.

FRIENDS requests that Grover Beach reconsider its replacement of Mayor Peterson on the APCD and reaffirm its commitment to a balanced approach to resolve and manage these difficult land use issues.

Sincerely,



Jim Suty  
President – Friends of Oceano Dunes

State appointed OHV Representative on the Oceano Dunes  
SVRA Technical Review Team

CC: Tom Roth, FRIENDS Legal Counsel  
Brent Marshall, ODSVRA Superintendent  
Judith Bean, Arroyo Grande Grover Beach Chamber of Commerce  
FRIENDS Board of Directors

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