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RE:

Los Osos Sewer Issue, Support Our New Los Osos Community Services District Board Do Not Levy Fines Against Our Community

Dear Mr. Jeffries:

I am a resident of Los Osos that recently voted to recall the three former Los Osos Community Services District board members. I fully support the need for a sewer in Los Osos, but I want the sewer project moved outside of town.

I voted for the recent CSD recall for two reasons. First, I believe the three former CSD board members were not making sound financial decisions for our community, especially in accepting sewer construction bids that were almost forty million dollars above the anticipated project cost. This action was not fiscally responsible, particularly considering the fact that only about five thousand households are paying for the majority of this project. I have never heard a reasonable explanation for why this bid increase was accepted. I want financial accountability from our elected CSD board members. Secondly, I do not want a sewer built in the center of our town. Sewer plants are best suited for industrial areas or locations away from densely populated residential areas. Myself and all the people I know in Los Osos that voted for the recall do fully support our need for a sewer, but we want the sewer moved outside of town.

The new CSD board is committed to moving forward with a new sewer project outside of town as quickly as possible. I understand that the Los Osos sewer project has been debated for years and has a long, complicated history. Most citizens of Los Osos certainly recognize our urgent need for a sewer as a means to protect our environment, including the bay and our groundwater resources. We need your board to help us move forward in a constructive manner to build a good sewer system outside of town as quickly as possible. I urge you to support our newly elected CSD board in their efforts to move forward.

Please do not levy fines against the Los Osos CSD or against individual property owners in Los Osos. Fining us as a community or as individual home owners will not help resolve our community's need for a sewer project and would only make any sewer project more complicated and difficult to achieve. I request a response from you regarding where you stand on this important issue.

Sincerely,

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