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Santa Rosa Valley Municipal Advisory Council

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Supervisor Kathy Long, Chair
Ventura County Board of Supervisors
800 South Victoria Avenue
Ventura, California 93009

Re: Proposal to Amend Public Hearing Noticing Requirements (PL15-0013) in the Non-Coastal Zoning Ordinance

Dear Chair Long:

The Santa Rosa Valley Municipal Advisory Council met on Thursday May 21st and reviewed the Planning Commission staff report pertaining to the County-Initiated Proposal to Amend Public Hearing Noticing Requirements (PL15-0013) in the Non-Coastal Zoning Ordinance (NCZO). The Santa Rosa Valley MAC has voted 5-0 in favor of the Planning Commission's recommended actions for amending the Ordinance.

In our opinion the amended wording as presented in Exhibit 2 pertaining to extending the radius of notifications beyond the State required 300-foot radius, in order to notify at least 15 owners of neighboring parcels, is both acceptable and necessary in order to ensure more transparency for issuing discretionary permits within the Santa Rosa Valley. We have learned our lesson the hard way from an actual case in our past history where a considerable amount of human and monetary resources were expended unnecessarily, on all sides, because the current 300-foot radius rule was just not good enough. In the end analysis, the enhanced planning process this change provides can save everyone from potential future grief at a minimal cost.

We respectfully ask you to approve this change.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kevin Cannon".

Kevin Cannon
Chair Santa Rosa Valley MAC

cc: Kim Prillhart, Ventura County Planning Director