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Dear Members of the Santa Barbara Local Agency Formation Commission,

I am writing to you as a 40+ year resident of Isla Vista, in strong support of the proposed IV Community Services District which is the most viable form of IV self-governance that has been proposed in decades and deserves your support. With my community, I worked on this proposal both during weekly community meetings and on my own, for most of the last year.

My only objection to the proposal is that the Board, as constituted in the proposal, is not a fully elected Board, ie, two of the seats are appointed, in effect, for life, one for the University of California seat and the other for the County of Santa Barbara. As such, they are not responsive to the general community via a periodic vote. I opposed this structure at the time of crafting the proposal and I still do.

However, in light to the amount of work and the strong desire for an IVCS D, the proposal before you should receive your endorsement and look forward to it being on the ballot for a community vote on the matter.

I also recommend approve of the maximum taxation amount, ie, 8%. In addition, all the powers, as laid out by the Plan submitted to you, are worthy of your support as well.

Thank you very much for helping Isla Vista come of age in this important matter,

M. Maia

Isla Vista Community Network member and general community volunteer

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