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**To:** Natasha@sblafco.org  
**Subject:** Proposed annexation

Dear LAFCO members,

We are writing to express our opposition to the proposed annexation of the Union Valley Parkway (UVP) property. We have been following the development of this plan, and feel that it is problematic in many aspects. We are very concerned with the projected increase in traffic. After the extension of UVP to Hwy 101, the traffic on that street has become heavy and consistent throughout the day. We have changed our driving patterns specifically to avoid turning left onto UVP from Hummel Drive due to the dangerous speeds at which many motorists drive on that stretch of road and the difficulty in finding a break in the traffic. The addition of a signal at that intersection will help, but we feel that it will still be a dangerous intersection, particularly for pedestrians and schoolchildren.

We are concerned about the removal of open space, specifically the Eucalyptus trees that provide habitat for Monarch butterflies. The recent rains have also demonstrated the need for open space to capture water, as opposed to more concrete and asphalt that allows water to run off and increase the potential to flood.

The impact on local schools, particularly Righetti High School which is already over-enrolled, is difficult to defend.

Certainly, the question of where the water will come from to support this development is of utmost importance. The fact that the developer needs to go through the city of Santa Maria in order to apply for supplemental water should be a major red flag against the advisability and prudence of approving this development.

Lastly, we feel that this annexation would set a dangerous precedent for the City to annex other desirable parcels for development, even though they are well outside the established city limits.

Thank you for your time and the opportunity to express our opposition to this proposed annexation and subsequent development.

Respectfully,

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