



Las Pilitas Draft EIR
Kevin Gotchal to: mwilson

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Dear Mr. Wilson,

I wanted to let you know that I thought you did a fantastic job conducting last night's meeting regarding the Las Pilitas Quarry project. You kept the focus on what point in the process the project is and answered each question with honesty and integrity.

Allow me to give my opinion. I think the draft EIR is comprehensive and addresses the issues. The suggested mitigation efforts are reasonable.

I hear and understand the traffic concerns that were expressed by the residents of Santa Margarita. However, it's a state highway and therefore the state of California needs to address that issue.

I support this project for two reasons:

1. It will help meet the need for aggregate material and because of supply and demand help lower the cost of building.
2. I believe in property rights. This area is zoned for exactly this purpose and they should be allowed to use it for such. Allow me to elaborate briefly. When a property owner spends thousands of dollars on a project, goes through this arduous process for approval, to then be denied at the end; who mitigates the impact on the property owner's finances? The right to own property and use it is a fundamental right of American's. It is governments job to assist property owners in their "pursuit of happiness".

I know the applicants and how they conduct business. They will give back to the community far more than they take. The added revenue to the county through sales tax is a plus as well.

I urge Planning to recommend to the Board of Supervisors that the Las Pilitas Quarry project be approved.

Thank you,

Kevin Gotchal
(I'm the guy who picked up the extension cord)