Las Pilitas Quarry
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Dear San Luis Obispo County Department of Planning,

I am writing to you all to express my genuine concerns about the presented Las Pilitas Quarry that has brought the community of Santa Margarita together to weigh the effects of the quarry on our community

As a lifetime resident of San Luis County, with the last 6 years of it residing off of Parkhill Road East of Santa Margarita, I can say whole heartedly that there is something very unique about this area of SLO County. The creeks run crystal clear, the wildlife is abundant, the air is fresh and filled with nothing but the sounds of song birds. It is a sanctuary away from the noises and contamination that can be so taxing on the human body, and it's time to stand up for the special areas in SLO county that still offer these natural pleasures.

The resources are abundant in this area, and I believe that they need to be used sustainably and responsibly with the rights and concerns of the entire community taken into consideration. This is our home; we take pride in its uniqueness and want to be able to share it with generations to come.

We need to consider the motivation of Mike Cole and Steve Souza, is it for the good for the residents of the Santa Margarita area and surrounding communities? Or is it for their personal gain at the expense of our community (water, peacefulness, and safety)? During the 6 years that I have lived out here I have encountered dozens of car accidents after people have gone off the road around curves, it is hard to imagine how this will be affected by 200 truck and trailer trips per day on the roads.

I invite you to visit our community sometime soon, to take a Sunday drive with your family down HWY 58, have dinner in Creston at the Loading Chute, or at the historic Pozo Saloon and pull over to look at the stars once night falls and put yourself in the shoes of the people who have called this place home for many years. It is like nowhere else in the world here, please help us to advocate for its protection and growth in more sustainable and community inspired ways.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Natalie Birkhahn