

County Planning

San Luis Obispo, CA

RE: Oster (Las Pilitas Quarry) CUP

Jeff Oliveira,

Please, please, please, don't let this happen to the tiny Town of Santa Margarita. I remember the traffic, noise, dust and danger when Hanson supplying Cal Trans with materials to complete the widening of the Cuesta Grade. There is no way to get the trucks to slow down for pedestrians (even in the crosswalk), bicyclists or cars trying to park in town. The big trucks coming through town now are terrible but allowing more 200 trucks on Hwy 58 would be indefensible.

SPEEDING TRUCKS- I believe there is no way (and no will) that the Highway Patrol or Sherriff's Office can respond to heavy gravel trucks, speeding through town. Years ago, the Highway Patrol stopped responding to calls from residents about speeding trucks; their only suggestion was to take down the number on the side of the truck. The trucks were going too fast to even see the number, let alone write it down. I was able to give a few numbers to the HP but never received any reply and the trucks have never slowed down. The SO says call the HP. I have no faith in either to slow down these trucks.

TRAFFIC- *The County is courting certain disaster if it allows more heavy trucks coming from the east on Hwy 58, past the school crosswalk (on a blind hill). I will ask anyone from the County to stand at the crosswalk with me and a baby stroller to witness that the trucks could not slow down or stop for anyone in the crosswalk. Nor can a person standing at the crosswalk see trucks coming over the hill. This is the only crosswalk to and from our school. *Eastbound / southbound trucks must make a tight left turn, on a hill, with railroad tracks and a driveway onto El Camino Real to go down the Grade. Since this is inconvenient and time consuming (waiting for traffic and trains), many truck drivers divert down residential "I" Street, past our Community Hall and Library, speeding through to Wilhelmina Street at the south end of town. *Trucks must travel past the park, the horseshoe pits, near the playground. Children in recreational areas are less

aware of danger and heavy, fast moving trucks are slower to react. *Santa Margarita Town residents have embraced walking and bicycling and we have an inordinate amount of pedestrian traffic that I don't believe the County has taken into account.

NOISE- The noise from the trucks is so loud that, often, a conversation in front of the Post Office is impossible. The down shifting and braking noise is worse than 'fingernails on a blackboard'. Truckers often park in the middle of El Camino Real, with loud motors running to get food and drink in town. The diesel smell is gagging.

I understand that Hwy 58 is a highway. I also understand the County wants people to live in towns to preserve rural space. I am asking that San Luis Obispo County understand that Santa Margarita is a small town with people living in it that will be adversely affected. Sending another 200 heavy, noisy, speeding trucks everyday past our only park, our only school and crossing the only two crosswalks that we have is not favorable to small town living. Since San Luis Obispo County already has two gravel pits meeting the demand for rock, it is not necessary the County approve this application.

Sincerely,



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