

To: Jeff Oliveira, Planning Department

Re: **Notice of Preparation – Las Pilitas Quarry CUP and Reclamation Plan, DRC2009-00025, Calif Canyon Road (SR 58), Santa Margarita**

I am a Santa Margarita resident, concerned about the proposed Las Pilitas Quarry. I was unable to attend the meeting awhile back but I DID read the New Times article which told readers to contact -- joliveiria@coloslo.ca.us if they had comments or concerns. So I emailed a letter (which follows) with my concerns to the above email address. I received a return email saying that this person would be out of the office until August 9th and that "This is the only notification you will receive while this person is away." **OUR COMMENTS AND CONCERNS MUST BE RECEIVED BY AUGUST 3RD.** I then called the County planning Department and was told that my call would be transferred to joliveiria's Supervisor Carol WHO WAS ALSO UNAVAILABLE. Today is Friday, and the time is now 5:17 PM. Would someone please contact me so I may speak someone who is available and able to relay my concerns before it is too late? My Letter follows:

As a resident of Santa Margarita and San Luis Obispo County, I find it difficult to imagine how ANYONE would consider the idea of permitting the establishment of the proposed Las Pilitas Quarry, especially with two existing quarries already operating in this area. How do you suppose this will impact the ecological system, property values and the quality of life for residents in and around town? Have permits already been issued without County Planners having made studies of the effects of this quarry on the environment and the general welfare of nearby residents? A constant stream of gravel trucks passing through town? Hundreds of gravel trucks streaming through Santa Margarita and our crumbling, curving roads, impeding traffic in the surrounding rural area? And apparently little concern for air quality, water use in a drought stricken area, fire danger and a quality of life? Will this be forced upon us? Sally Speers, Santa Margarita Resident sally@macservices.net (805) 438-5138

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