



Concerned Citizens for Avila
A Community Action Group

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“Hold on Development in Avila” Petition
Heading to SLO County Board of Supervisors

AVILA BEACH, CA, April 9, 2018 – Representatives from Concerned Citizens for Avila announced today that they will present a “*Hold on Development in Avila*” Petition with more than 2,000 signatures to the San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors at the Tuesday, April 17th board meeting. The presentation will happen during Public Comment which starts at approximately 9 a.m., at the SLO County Government Office located at 1055 Monterey St. in San Luis Obispo. It is anticipated that a large number of community members will attend to show their support.



California Government Code 65858 provides the opportunity for the San Luis Obispo Board of Supervisors to adopt as an urgency measure an interim ordinance prohibiting any uses that may be in conflict with the contemplated Update to the General Plan for Avila. The Board of Supervisors unanimously approved updating the plan in October of 2015. Since that time, applications have been submitted for multiple extensive projects and Concerned Citizens is urging the board to hold off approving any new developments pending completion of the updated plan.

According to Betty Hartig, President of Concerned Citizens for Avila, “We are thrilled with the community support for our petition. Our hope is the Board of Supervisors will agree that placing a hold on processing any new development proposals until the completion of the General Plan update is essential to maintain the integrity of the process and protect the safety and accessibility of Avila. The current General Plan was adopted in the 1980s and no longer accurately represents the community.”

According to SLO County Public Works data acceptable traffic flow in Avila has been frequently exceeded. Traffic congestion presents a significant risk to visitors, employees, and residents due to Avila’s solitary road in and out, fire danger, tsunami potential and nuclear facility. Large development is also a threat to the natural environment, sensitive ecosystems and public access to Avila Beach.

About Concerned Citizens for Avila

Founded in 2015, Concerned Citizens for Avila is a group of community-minded people who care deeply about Avila. The mission of the organization is to protect the natural environment, safety and accessibility of Avila by promoting responsible planning and creating public awareness. For more information about the organization or to sign up for their newsletter visit www.concernedcitizens4avila.org.