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Dear citizens of North County.

As a resident of North County and former CEO of Surfrider Foundation from 2005 - 2014 I feel compelled to share my thoughts and concerns as it pertains to proposed development in Carlsbad.

**Everyone in North County values our open spaces.**

Like many of you, I've lived in North County for decades. I've grown to love the natural, open spaces we have throughout the area. It's also obvious to all who live here or visit that this is a special place. We value our iconic places to recreate. These areas contribute to the overall value of the area.

Specifically, we must ensure that recreational interests are kept whole because, as I learned at Surfrider Foundation, if you lose once it's like losing forever. Lagoon access must be kept open for recreational use by surfers, kayakers, SUPs, hikers, boaters, etc.

**Everyone in North County values our coastlines.**

We live in an area that includes some of the best, functioning watersheds and lagoons. These places, especially lagoons, are very sensitive and critical to a resilient coast and sea level rise adaptation. Any and all development should embrace these concepts and seek to keep these natural buffers between the land and the sea intact.

**Everyone in North County values our processes to protect these places.**

There are few things better than a functioning local government process and the civic engagement of its citizens. Few things are worse than strategies or tactics designed to circumvent these systems.

Any project of the size being considered, especially one in the coastal zone, should go through CEQA (California Environmental Quality Act). In addition, all projects in the coastal zone should have the utmost transparency since they directly impact our open spaces and coastlines.

**Please vote No on Measure A.**

Sincerely,

Jim Moriarty