

# *Allied Neighborhoods Association*

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Santa Barbara City Council  
City of Santa Barbara  
De La Guerra Plaza  
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Re: Agenda, January 11, 2:00 p.m., Item No. 12  
Request of Veronica Springs Neighborhood Association

Honorable Mayor and Council Members:

Allied Neighborhoods Association (AAllied@) is an umbrella organization of neighborhood associations. Allied is composed of volunteers with the goals of neighborhood preservation, the protection of the people who live in those neighborhoods, the conservation of the environment with a focus on quality of life in our neighborhoods and the defense of Santa Barbara's zoning laws that have helped to create and preserve the beautiful neighborhoods and environment we now enjoy.

The Las Positas Valley is one of the last pristine areas in the City. It contains Elings Park which is a valuable community resource. The surrounding neighborhoods of Bel Air Knolls, Veronica Springs, Hidden Valley and Samarkand have all expressed concerns about the limitations of Las Positas Road and the associated traffic problems. One of the most significant problems is the substandard vertical alignment of the intersection at Las Positas and Modoc Roads. We have seen the major adverse traffic and circulation problems from the Upper State area to downtown that were caused by the recent, temporary narrowing of Las Positas Road at its intersection with the 101 Freeway. This should be an example of what can happen if more congestion is added to Las Positas.

There are several pending development proposals for the Las Positas Valley that will increase traffic congestion on Las Positas Road and which could also have an impact upon the pristine nature of the Valley. We urge the City Council to grant the request of the Veronica Springs Neighborhood Association so that the cumulative impacts of proposed projects are considered and development is not done in a piecemeal manner.

Thank you for your consideration.

*Board of Directors*

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