

ALLIED NEIGHBORHOODS ASSOCIATION

January 4, 2010

Dear Supervisor Wolf,

The Allied Neighborhoods Association, an umbrella organization of neighborhood associations in the city of Santa Barbara, has become aware of the proposal for a large hotel to be constructed at 4111 State Street, just one block outside the city limits. This location is in close proximity to the Upper State St. area of Santa Barbara; the city has recognized for many years that this area suffers from significant traffic congestion. Because of the documented impacts of excessive growth, about ten years ago the city placed an overlay zone (SD2) on the area which reduced the height and size, and increased the front setbacks of new construction projects.

While the proposed hotel is currently located in the county the impacts and precedents set by the present design will significantly impact the Upper State St area. We are requesting that the county as a courtesy to the city, invite the city to review and comment on the project. Notice of subsequent changes as the project proceeds through the process would be appreciated for the city to review.

Thank you,
Judy Orias, President
687-9419

cc: Supervisors Salud Carbajal, Doreen Farr, Joni Gray, Joe Centeno