



March 3, 2023

Chair Parke and Planning Commissioners
Santa Barbara County Planning Commission
123 East Anapamu Street
Santa Barbara, CA, 93101

RE: Solomon Hills Project

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The Tri County Chamber Alliance represents 10 Chambers of Commerce along the Central Coast, from San Luis Obispo to Simi Valley and includes several members in Santa Barbara County: Santa Maria Valley, Santa Barbara South Coast, and Buellton. We would like to express our support for the Solomon Hills Project and the associated initiation request because it is a project of *regional significance*.

Solomon Hills addresses regional housing supply with the potential of locating quality housing stock in Santa Barbara County, boosting local employers currently struggling with retention and recruitment. Everyday thousands of commuters head north or south into Santa Barbara County, creating traffic and environmental impacts. Locating significant new housing in the County will relieve pressure not only in Santa Barbara County but on infrastructure across the region.

As we look to the future, a key to our region's success will be the continued growth of the Vandenberg Space Force Base and the businesses that support that effort. Solomon Hills provides much needed regional housing that will allow a major 21st Century economic driver to be successful on the Central Coast.

Approving the initiation request allows for further study to ensure the final project best fits our region's needs. Support will show the County's innovative approach to tackling our statewide and regional housing crisis.

Please support the initiation request to take the step to be proactive toward addressing regional housing needs.

Thank you,

Tri County Chamber Alliance

Santa Barbara County

Santa Barbara South Coast Chamber of Commerce
Buellton Chamber of Commerce
Santa Maria Valley Chamber of Commerce

Ventura County

Simi Valley Chamber of Commerce
Greater Conejo Valley Chamber of Commerce
Western Ventura County Business Alliance
Santa Paula Chamber of Commerce
Ventura Chamber of Commerce

San Luis Obispo County

SLO South County Chamber of Commerce
San Luis Obispo Chamber of Commerce