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Re: Friends of Oceano Dunes

Dear State and County Officials,

This letter is regarding the upcoming hearing for the ODSVRA. I have lived on the Central Coast for over 20 years and love everything about our community – its open space, moderate traffic, ideal weather and the economic and cultural diversity of our population.

It with these values I advocate keeping the ODSVRA as is. The dunes have been an attraction to recreational vehicle enthusiasts and campers for decades and helped put San Luis Obispo on the map way before the wine industry was even a thought. The dunes are world famous and have attracted tourists from around the world and contributed to the economic stability of San Luis Obispo and Santa Barbara Counties before they became the desirable mecca for transplants from Southern and Northern California they are today.

The concerns from relatively new residents in the golf communities on The Mesa are important, but do not come close to outweighing the needs of local businesses, our families that work at them, or the historic importance of the dunes. With new development constantly changing the charm and character of downtown SLO and other once iconic locations, the last thing we need is to change one of our open space gems, the Oceano Dunes for recreational vehicle use.

Not only would this be devastating to many local businesses but would have a ripple effect on us all. Our local economy is fragile and when small business close it impacts us all. There are already too few jobs in the area to support our families. While those who may move here from other areas are not concerned about jobs for their children, those of us with children in the area who are already fighting to keep any and all jobs from going away are very concerned about losing even a single job.

In addition, Mother Nature moves the sand up on to the dunes, not recreational vehicles – they kick sand up a few feet, not thousands of feet.

Please vote to keep the dunes as they are – an iconic open space gem that helps support hundreds of local business and the thousands of jobs they provide.

Sincerely,

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