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Tuesday, June 1, 2021

**RE: LAFCO JUNE 3, 2021 MEETING, BUSINESS AGENDA ITEM #3 – LOS OLIVOS TIME
EXTENSION FOR PROPOSITION 218 ASSESSMENT**

Dear LAFCO Commissioners:

Since the last LAFCO meeting of May 6, 2021, Rick Merrifield (former Santa Barbara County EHS Director now advising Heal the Ocean's as an Advisory Board member) and I have, through various meetings and communications, carefully gone over the various options for solving the septic system problems of Los Olivos. We have had conversations with a member of the LOCS D Board to discuss these options, to see if we can't arrive at a consensus to solve this issue.

We have arrived at the conclusion that it is in the best interest of the community and Heal the Ocean to help move LOCS D along in its plans for the septic-to-sewer project, and in fact have identified a good source of financial help for the project. We think we can provide logistical help, and have alerted LOCS D about this as well - in the hopes this helps them get a move-on.

Therefore, we would like to withdraw our previous (May 6, 2021) objections presented to LAFCO, and we have notified some Commissioners already of this decision in advance of the June 3, 2021 (Thursday) meeting.

Our hope is to relieve the Commission of the time it would take to review the objections in our May 6, 2021 letter, so that we can move forward. We can explain more at the Commission meeting on Thursday, and we thank LAFCO for hearing our concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Hillary Hauser'.

Hillary Hauser, Executive Director
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cc: Rick Merrifield

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