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Bob Braitman
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Dear Bob:

While UC Santa Barbara has no borders within eastern Goleta Valley, we would like to express the campus position on spheres of influence in response to the Commission upcoming public hearing.

Policies adopted by the University of California Board of Regents provide guidelines for determination of the appropriate sphere of influence for UCSB. According to these policies the campus must be in an appropriate and viable governmental entity, which is responsive to the special needs of the University and is supportive of the University's mission. This entity must have financial resources and political support adequate to provide programs and services to the University community.

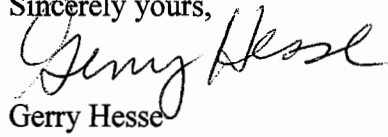
The campus believes that Isla Vista and the University must be in the same sphere of influence. The historical relationship between the Isla Vista community and the campus is emphasized by the investment that the university annually makes in Isla Vista, the university's significant participation in the Isla Vista master plan/redevelopment effort, the number of UCSB students living in Isla Vista and the geographic reality that the University has substantial land holdings on three sides of the community. The annual UCSB investment in IV includes not only money, but also human resources--efforts, interaction, and work of UCSB people. This long term commitment has been enhanced with the formation of UCSB's IV Commission that brings our administration together with faculty, students, staff members, representatives of local government agencies and IV residents to seek ways to improve the IV community.

On August 24, 2005 UCSB provided comments to LAFCO concerning the Municipal Service Review on SOI stating these objectives. While the University is not currently seeking inclusion in any specific sphere of influence, the points cited above are critical to any consideration for our inclusion. We would oppose the arbitrary inclusion of any part

of the campus in any SOI without discussion and agreement by both parties. Our administration is considering how we could best position UCSB in the future to assure that these points are addressed.

Thank you for your attention

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gerry Hesse". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent "G" and "H".

Gerry Hesse

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