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To Whom it may Concern:

My name is Curtisa Warner and I am a 45 year resident of the Orcutt area. I am writing to express my extreme opposition to the annexation of the Richards Ranch Property into the City of Santa Maria. This does not mean I am opposed to developing this property, but I believe this development should occur in the Unincorporated County for the following reasons:

1. This property has long been identified in the Orcutt Community Plan as a Key site for development. To remove it from the plan will update the entire Orcutt Community Plan.
2. The County would not receive the increased tax dollars associated with the development that are crucial to maintain and potentially modernize infrastructure in the area.
3. It appears the roads adjacent to the project would remain in the County, so County tax dollars- not city dollars-- will be maintaining the roads, signals, signage etc.
4. This proposed annexation is a peninsula sticking out into unincorporated territory, which I understand is a violation of best practice.
5. Taking this development out of the County jurisdiction will adversely affect the County's ability to meet the state mandated housing numbers.
6. As the project is so far removed from the bulk of Santa Maria, the county will be forced to provide many service, such as immediate police presence.

In closing I think it is obvious that this project will provide no benefit to the residents of Orcutt while adversely affecting our quality of life. As the Orcutt area will be shouldering the burden, the Orcutt area should also receive the benefits.

Respectfully,

Curtis Warner