

April 30, 2015

Chair Assembly Local Government Committee
Assemblyman Brian Maienschein, 77th District
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Dear Chairman Maienschein,

As long-term residents, we recognize that the Isla Vista community faces unique challenges and issues due to its dense zoning and its role as housing for a major university. This letter outlines our response to AB3, the proposed legislation that creates a Community Service District (CSD) in Isla Vista. We appreciate the efforts of Das Williams' office and student representatives, however, having been to many meetings and having given the legislation considerable thought, we oppose the formation of a CSD in Isla Vista.

AB3 does not address what we feel are the major issues faced by the Isla Vista community and will not provide self-governance. We are concerned that the process is not going through LAFCO, keeping decisions local, and we're concerned that AB3 lacks a feasibility study and consensus on the boundaries of the district.

As AB3 is worded, local taxpayers are asked to finance the creation of another expensive bureaucratic body to administer services that are already being provided and will continue to be provided through existing entities (i.e. policing, sidewalks, lighting). We are already being taxed to have these and other services provided.

Of the eight services proposed by AB3, five are currently being provided largely by the County. Two would be advisory only (an area planning commission and a Municipal Advisory Council). The last issue, parking, could be solved through other means.

AB3 proposed services:

Service 1: Finance the operation of a Municipal Advisory Council. Rather than through a CSD, a MAC could be formed by the County. This would provide broad-based input from the I.V. community to the Board of Supervisors. A MAC does not need a CSD.

Service 2: Create a tenant mediation program. Tenant services are already being provided through the IV Tenant's Union and through UCSB. These programs could be strengthened without having to create a CSD.

Service 3: Finance an area planning commission. This service is not financially feasible. Planners/staff are expensive and all planning decisions could be appealed to the County Board of Supervisors.

Service 4: Exercise the powers of a parking district (pursuant to the Parking District Law of 1951). We support a parking **permit** program for Isla Vista which can be created without a CSD. We oppose the parking district powers in AB3.

Service 5: Contract for additional police protection services. The 3rd District has requested, in their proposed budget, funds for a liaison officer in Isla Vista. UCSB and the County provide increased law enforcement at times of high profile events. Law enforcement should be provided to Isla Vista without a CSD and extra taxation.

Service 6: Acquire, construct, improve, maintain and operate community facilities, including, but not limited to, community centers.... Isla Vista already has a Community Center owned and it is well administered by the County. The complete list of potential facilities listed in Service 6 (library, museum, etc.) is financially unfeasible.

Service 7: Acquire, construct, improve, maintain, and operate sidewalks, lighting, gutters, and trees. Isla Vista already has a lighting and sidewalk district (CSA 31) administered by County staff. This is redundant. No new bureaucracy is necessary.

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Service 8: Abate graffiti. This service is currently administered through the Isla Vista Recreation and Park District. We don't need a CSD to do this.

The CSD shall not have the power to organize, promote, conduct or advertise programs of community recreation in the same manner as the Isla Vista Recreation and Park District. Yes. The IVRPD has a successful program that is broadly supported by the Isla Vista community.

If the community feels there should be more funding for services in Isla Vista, there are feasible alternatives to a CSD. Other mechanisms exist which are less expensive.

We feel CSA 31 would be a viable means to handle increased services. With CSA 31, funding for sidewalks, policing and lighting would occur without the expensive overhead of the implementation, staffing and rent required for a CSD. All monies would go directly to the services.

A Municipal Advisory Council would provide a less-expensive alternative for taxpayers. A MAC would provide the County with a more broad-based view of what is needed to further the interests of our community and it could advise a dependent district, like CSA 31. It would have widespread support.

The replication of and funding of services already in place will not provide self-governance for Isla Vista. We oppose the formation of a CSD through AB3 and request a more viable solution to the needs of the Isla Vista Community.

Sincerely,

Long-term Isla Vista residents

List of 47 signers (inked and electronic) attached

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