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TO: Sebastopol City Council

FROM: Richard Nichols
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SUBJECT: Proposed Encroachment Permit for
AP# 04 011 52 - Robert Anderson

I object to the issuance of a permit on this proposal for the following reasons:

1. Fill is extensive in the Morris St. area and the cumulative effect of filling, no matter how small, is important.
2. I consider wildlife at least as important as Mr. Anderson's project. This strip contains wetlands habitat.
3. Mr. Anderson proposes to "clean up and re-landscape" the site and assures it will "improve the appearance".

I personally do not consider commercial landscaping to be an improvement over native greenery, particularly along the Laguna. Perhaps the site would be better served by not filling the swale and planting the adjacent fill bank in riparian species. The project is after all, named the "Laguna Commercial Center".

These questions should be answered:

1. Does the filling require a Corp of Engineers Permit?
2. How many yards of fill would be required?

If this request is denied, it is important that the site work done be monitored to prevent "accidental" filling into the swale.

cc: City Staff
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