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Mr. Arnold,

Thank You! Spoken like a true American!

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Board of Appeals

For decades the people have been denied an operating Appeals Board. The old appeals board has been a facade that never met.

I'm sure you did not expect your position to be such a "hot seat".

Observing your last three meeting it was evident that the appeals board was diligent in making sure it was operating with **legislative intent and state law** in mind.

The *sabotaging* of the board of appeals by some in the "county system of government" ... began as soon your board **indicated and acted in the manner that it wanted to follow the law.**

That "sabotage" could fill a page. To mention a few : was stated abuse given to the first chairman that caused his resignation, the closed off media room, the turned off air conditioning, the surrounding of your board by county staff, the appeals that were spiked by the planning department, the missing pages that occurred between appellant' submission and what reached the board.

What California Supreme Court calls "illegal influence" was willfully applied against your board.

An egregious example was **Supervisor Coonerty's** reading an insulting letter to the board when you had normal business to conduct. Coonerty using the intimidation. He sat next county counsel and a few rows back was **Supervisor Ellen Pirie**. The very politicians who hid the fact that such a appeals board exists from the people.

Half the new appeals board's time was ... in fact "good faith" allowances for input by ... planning, county counsel, and several supervisors. It was an act of cooperation.

The Santa Cruz county people are **proud** that finally, deliberating appointees to the *new board of appeals* were making sure that their actions were legal, ethical and fair before adjudicating the appeals.

The "character" displayed by the board is rare today. Please ***don't disappoint the people*** by abandoning principle in the face of "intimidation".

"Character" is something to be proud of for yourself, your family and your community.

The people are searching for those who will weather the attacks on *due process* via ugly intimidation. Those attacks are by those who have for decades spiked or hid the people appeals board.

Hang in there we need honest people.

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