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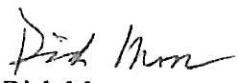
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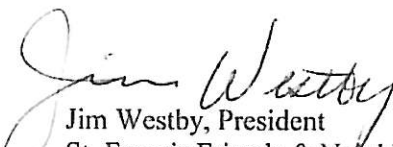
Dear Mayor and Council Members,

This is to inform you that the undersigned citizens and citizen groups are appealing the February 5, 2007 decision of the Architectural Board of Review approving "citywide traffic calming projects" (Assessor's parcel number 099-MS-C-ORW, application number MST2006-00340), described as "[I]nstallation of permanent traffic calming devices as part of two projects. The three typical improvements include: traffic circles, curb bulb-outs, and median islands. The locations for Project #1 are traffic circles at Alta Vista Road/Sola St. and Alta Vista Road/Victoria St.; median islands at Alta Vista Road/Anapamu St.; and bulb-outs at Quarantina St./De la Guerra St. and Quarantina St./Canon Perdido St. The locations for Project #2 are: traffic circles at Olive St./Valerio St. and Olive St./Sola St.; and bulb-outs at Garden St./Islay St. and Garden St./Arrellaga St."

Reasons for this appeal include but are not limited to: Failure of city staff to meet its own requirement of receiving at least 65% neighborhood approval of the project; failure of city staff to meet its obligation under the City Council resolution of April 11, 2006 to collect "before-and-after" data on intersections with roundabouts and bulbouts; the unmitigatable esthetic impacts on historic neighborhoods caused by amateurish design and a proliferation of ugly, obtrusive, and confusing signage; coercive tactics used against the Architectural Board of Review, resulting in after-the-fact doctoring of ABR minutes to reflect a result more favorable to city staff; failure to install temporary bulbouts at Garden & Arrellaga (an intersection identified in the recent St. Francis condo conversion project EIR as a significant and unavoidable Class 1 impact of the project) and to assess preliminary results of narrowing this already congested intersection; and arbitrary, capricious, and at times incorrect application of the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices.


 Michael Self, President
 Santa Barbara Safe Streets


 Dick Moss
 Upper East Association


 Jim Westby, President
 St. Francis Friends & Neighbors

(Individual signatures on
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