



July 19, 2011

Members of City Council
City of Santa Barbara
735 Anacapa Street
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

Re: AIASB Sponsored Design Charrette

Madam Mayor and Honorable City Council Members:

As you know, the Santa Barbara chapter of the American Institute of Architects along with several other organizations including the American Planning Association, the Community Environmental Council and the Architectural Foundation of Santa Barbara, is sponsoring a community design charrette referred to as "Housing Santa Barbara."

The purpose of the charrette is to help the public and decision makers better understand the aesthetic and economic impacts of the residential land use proposals being considered in Plan Santa Barbara.

About 60 design and development professionals and members of the community have been generously giving of their time, energy and creativity in aid of this endeavor. The first phase of the charrette took place on July 16, 2011. It was an exciting and successful event with many creative architectural solutions. The second phase will take place on July 23, 2011 from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM at Santa Barbara Junior High School. The public is invited to attend and provide feedback.

The purpose of this letter is to formally request an opportunity to present the findings and final results of the charrette to the full City Council and the public on Tuesday August 2. We believe that the information generated by the charrette process will be very helpful as the Council moves toward final adoption of Plan Santa Barbara.

Sincerely,

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President of AIA Santa Barbara

Detlev Peikert, AIA
Chair, Charrette Organizing Committee