

of Southern Santa Barbara County

Urgent Advocacy Support Needed! Please Share and Help Habitat Santa Barbara Build More Affordable Homes!

Dear Friend,

If you support our organization, I know you stand with us in the belief that we need more affordable housing for our lowincome neighbors—many of whom make up our local workforce!

How to do this in Santa Barbara specifically is a challenge we've taken – head-on – for the last 24 years. Whether it be new "stick and brick" builds, home repair programs, or neighborhood revitalization, we are dedicated to our mission of building *Homes, Communities, and Hope*. We believe that new affordable homes should always be a win-win for communities and working with our neighbors is a priority in our delivery of this critical work.

The owners of Glen Annie Golf Course have a vision to transform the existing property into a multi-use recreational and housing community. And Habitat Santa Barbara is fortunate to be in discussions with the Glen Annie owners about a land donation and partnership that would enable 10-15 new Habitat homes: new construction, deed-restricted ownership units for lowincome individuals and families.

The opportunity to partner with a private developer who shares our organization's values is key as we pave our path forward in Santa Barbara's south county.

Why? It builds our tiny but nimble organization's strength, increases our capacity, leverages a generous donation, and allows us to help transform communities into ones where people can live where they work.

Our interest in this partnership goes beyond just building homes – their proposal, Imagine Glen Annie, includes public access amenities including but not limited to open space for walking, hiking, and biking (100 acres!), a new childcare facility, a pool, pickle ball courts, housing for school district employees and – of course – Habitat homes.

We can't do it alone—we need people like you to **advocate for the Glen Annie project during the County's rezoning process**, which is underway right now. The <u>Habitat home component of this</u> <u>project can only happen if the existing land is re-zoned for</u> <u>housing by the County Board of Supervisors.</u>

We need your help urgently! To support Habitat with this *dream* of bringing 10-15 more Habitat units to our community, please consider the following:

Click here to add your name to a letter of support

1. Help Virtually and Quickly: Sign on to our letter through a few simple clicks HERE.

2. Show Up In Person: Attend the rezoning meeting on **Friday**, **May 3rd** and provide public comment in person or virtually – in support of Glen Annie's project and the rezone HERE.

3. Write a Letter: Write your own letter, building off our template HERE.

Learn more about the plans for the current Glen Annie Golf Course

Thank you SO much for your support of a transformational project for our community.

Sincerely,

Jessica de L'Arbre CEO, Habitat for Humanity of Southern Santa Barbara County

