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Via Email to the Attention of: Amber Dobson and Karl Schwing

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Subject: Newport Banning Ranch, CDP Application No: 5-13--032

Honorable Chair Kinsey, Commissioners and Staff,

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Please recognize the many failures of the Banning Ranch development and deny the permit to that development.

We at SPON take very seriously our past as the oldest environmental non-profit in the Central Orange County area. The concerns of the local community regarding the development of the Banning Ranch are just as serious. There is broad and unwavering support for the Banning Ranch Conservancy and its resistance to this wasteful and capricious development of the last unprotected coastal open space in Orange County- a coastal resource dear to the community.

There cannot be sensitive building where 2.5 million cubic yards of soil will be moved. This undertaking permanently changes acres of land forms, destroys sensitive flora and fauna and exposes the public to unknown levels of petroleum related contaminants. Also at risk is the destruction or permanent alteration of sensitive habitat areas, wildlife species, coastal wetlands and vernal pools—none of which is welcome at your commission.



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Chief among everyone's concerns is California's drought. How can the outdated analysis and water study (and aggressive development-driven opinion), authored before the latest heightened drought measures have been delivered by our Governor, be welcomed and thought relevant or even pertinent?

On behalf of the environmental community in Orange County, its volunteers and supporters, and thousands of residents, please see the subject development's many unmitigated environmental impacts that remain "significant and unavoidable" in the Newport Banning Ranch Environmental Impact Report and deny this Coastal application.

Sincerely,

Marko Popovich
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