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Dear Mr. Liebster,

I own homes at 7 and 9 Sacramento Patio in Stinson Beach, California, which I have been fortunate enough to purchase over the past 12 years as a family "compound."

I am writing to support the County's position that flood hazards should be separately considered and addressed using readily available and quantifiable flood zone maps. My homes were identified as being in an area of Stinson Beach "potentially" subject to flooding in earlier drafts of the Local Coastal Program. Unlike homeowners in carefully specified hazard areas, such as my home in Berkeley, which is mapped very clearly in the Loma Priolo earthquake zone, or like homes at certain distances from bluffs, my homes at Stinson Beach under the original proposal would have been subject to a vague and unspecified flooding risk. My neighbors and I would have potentially been prevented from redeveloping, making significant repairs, or even adequately maintaining our homes over time due to the vague and ambiguous nature of this designation.

The County's proposal to use existing FEMA flood maps, which are prepared according to best available science and subject to community review, or where these are not available, to use floodzone maps prepared by the County under its C-SMART process, would mean that I would be readily able to identify whether my properties were considered at risk, and know exactly how much elevation or other design remedy I would need to keep my home safe from flooding over time.

I support the County's effort to adopt these clear standards and urge you to support your Staff's proposal in this matter.

Best,

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