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ATT: Morgan Jones
Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors
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Dear Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors:

The Santa Barbara Gray Panther Network advocates on behalf of older adults by working independently and in coalition with others to achieve social and economic justice, to promote a clean and sustainable environment, to support quality and affordable health care, to create and maintain safe, affordable housing for all income levels as well as addressing other quality of life issues.

After reviewing the available materials on the proposed Modoc Road multi-use path, the Santa Barbara Gray Panther Network supports Alternative B. This alternative will do the least ecological damage, and while we would prefer that no tree removal would occur, we recognize that after much study and discussion only two viable alternatives have been found to be feasible. We strongly support bicycle safety, and recognize that many seniors – including members of our organization - are bicyclists who sometimes use Modoc Rd.

Alternative B has emerged as the best way to balance the safety needs of bicyclists with ecological preservation. We also understand that this project cannot go forward, even with County approval, without the support of the Water Company and approval of the Land Trust. We hope

that the County can adequately address their concerns; our support is contingent on their approval.