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AGENDA: 4/16/02

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701 Ocean Street
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RE: APTOS VILLAGE CLEANUP

Dear Members of the Board:

Under the auspices of the Aptos Chamber of Commerce, a group of community members has taken on the task of cleaning up and "beautifying" the Aptos Village area. Last spring this group spent two days cleaning up the village area and planting flowers. This Aptos Village cleanup is planned again this year for the first weekend in May. In conjunction with that, Gary Smith of the Aptos/La Selva Fire Department has gotten permission from the owners of the property formerly known as the Terrible Herbst gas station. This property has been abandoned and in disrepair for the last ten years or so. While the environmental cleanup from the gas station was completed some time ago, the remains of the main building survive. This building has not deteriorated to the point that it is a public health hazard, but it is very sad looking and covered with graffiti.

As part of the sprucing up of Aptos Village, Mr. Smith has convinced the out-of-state owners of this property to allow the community group to remove this structure. In addition, Granite Construction Company has agreed to assist in the demolition and to remove the material to the landfill without charge. All recyclable materials will be separated and taken to the appropriate location to be recycled.

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The purpose of this letter is to request that any and all demolition permit fees and dump fees be waived. This is the kind of community spirit and participation that makes Santa Cruz County great, and that we want to encourage.

It is therefore recommended that the Board of Supervisors direct the Department of Public Works and the Planning Department to waive the fees normally associated with the deposit of these materials in the landfill and the issuance of any necessary permits for this project.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Ellen Pirie".

ELLEN PIRIE, Supervisor
Second District

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cc: Planning Department
Public Works Department

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