



## **Santa Barbara County Taxpayers Association**

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## **TAXPAYERS ASSOCIATION WELCOMES CITY OF SANTA BARBARA'S CHANGE OF HEART ON LIGHTBLUELINE**

*"BLUE-LINE" WELL INTENTIONED BUT UNECESSARILY RISKY POLICY*

**SANTA BARBARA, CA** – The Santa Barbara County Taxpayers Association has announced their support with respect to the Santa Barbara City Council's decision to withdraw the controversial "light-blue-line".

"We remain convinced that the city hadn't thought this policy through and were unprepared to deal with the important questions their blue line raised not the least of which is the affect it would have had on local property values", said Tobe Plough, a director of the Association.

"We never were opposed to this idea based on the message it was intended to communicate about global warming," Plough said, "in fact we welcome that discussion and encourage the community to look for new and effective ways to reduce our carbon footprint. This line blue idea, however, was simply the wrong approach and would have caused more problems than it solved."

"I am very encouraged that cooler heads have prevailed here", said SBCTA, Executive Director Joe Armendariz. "We have always felt that this project, well intended as it was, could have resulted in a wholesale lowering of property values for those properties located on the wrong side of the line. So this is good news for those families and businesses who could have been negatively impacted by the council's thoughtless decision."

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