

Harris, Lisa x4879

From: Harris, Lisa x4879
Sent: Friday, July 05, 2013 8:20 AM
To: Harris, Lisa x4879
Subject: FW: Keep Intergarrison Road closed

From: Boyd, Arlene P. 759-6642
Sent: Monday, June 17, 2013 3:36 PM
To: 100-BoS Everyone
Cc: Bauman, Lew x5113; McKee, Charles J; Reimann, Kathryn x5358; Young, Benny x5862
Subject: FW: Keep Intergarrison Road closed

Good afternoon,
Please see correspondence below.
Thank you.

Arlene Boyd

*Senior Secretary
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
County of Monterey
168 W. Alisal St., 1st Floor
Salinas, CA 93901
(831) 755-5066
FAX (831) 755-5888*

From: Nyassany@aol.com [mailto:Nyassany@aol.com]
Sent: Monday, June 17, 2013 3:25 PM
To: 112-Clerk of the Board Everyone
Subject: Keep Intergarrison Road closed

Dear COB,

Please keep Inter-garrison Road **closed**.

-- Norman Yassany
Seaside
nyassany@aol.com

Harris, Lisa x4879

From: Monte Reitz [montysar@sbcglobal.net]

Sent: Monday, June 17, 2013 6:41 PM

To: 112-Clerk of the Board Everyone

Subject: Intergarrison

**Supervisors, I respectfully ask you to give grave consideration to keeping Intergarrison Road closed. A multitude of individuals utilize the road for walks, hikes and walking their dogs. If the road is opened the speed limit will be totally ignored as is the portion that is now open. The greatest fear will be the humans and animals (dogs) killed by speeding motorists who couldn't care less about the posted speed limits which will be much higher than they should be. Thank you for hearing me out.
Monty D. Reitz Pacific Grove, Ca.**

Harris, Lisa x4879

From: Holm, Carl P. x5103
Sent: Wednesday, July 03, 2013 4:24 PM
To: Harris, Lisa x4879
Subject: FW: Inter Garrison Road

Carl P. Holm, AICP
Deputy Director
Monterey County Resource Management Agency

-----Original Message-----

From: Boyd, Arlene P. 759-6642
Sent: Tuesday, June 18, 2013 9:49 AM
To: 100-BoS Everyone
Cc: Bauman, Lew x5113; McKee, Charles J; Reimann, Kathryn x5358; Young, Benny x5862; Holm, Carl P. x5103
Subject: FW: Inter Garrison Road

FYI

Arlene Boyd
Senior Secretary
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
County of Monterey
168 W. Alisal St., 1st Floor
Salinas, CA 93901
(831) 755-5066
FAX (831) 755-5888

-----Original Message-----

From: Lou Perske [mailto:lperske@peoplepc.com]
Sent: Tuesday, June 18, 2013 9:40 AM
To: 112-Clerk of the Board Everyone
Subject: Inter Garrison Road

Dear Supervisors,

I would like to urge you to keep Inter Garrison Road closed at the Jerry Smith Corridor, as it currently is. I am a frequent user of the trails in that area and through traffic to Salinas would ruin the character of that area. With FORA having closed off 95% of the trails in Fort Ord (for no good reason), the trails accessible from the Jerry Smith Corridor are some of the few quiet places left to we frequent trail users. Thank you for your consideration of this matter,

Louis Perske

Harris, Lisa x4879

From: Tristan Mansson-Perrone [tristanperrone@gmail.com]

Sent: Monday, June 17, 2013 10:38 PM

To: 112-Clerk of the Board Everyone

Subject: Intergarrison Road

I urge each of you to consider all the known and less known impacts of opening Intergarrison Road to through traffic. As a community member of Abrams Park and someone who commutes by bicycle to and from Monterey almost every day of the week, fear the impact this may have on my safety, as well as my quality of life. Don't let this be a decision you regret. Don't let this be a decision we all regret.

Thank you.

Tristan
Marina, CA

Harris, Lisa x4879

From: Susan Schiavone [s.schiavone@sbcglobal.net]

Sent: Tuesday, June 18, 2013 11:27 AM

To: 112-Clerk of the Board Everyone

Subject: Intergarrison Road opening = today's agenda

I am unable to attend the meeting but want to express that I feel it is premature to open this road – the development on the east does not yet warrant it and why now? Questions about land use have not been fully decided and some of the area involved is part of recent referendum efforts; The planning department is pushing a decision that , in fact, makes defacto land use decisions by doing this....open a road, cars will come, crime will come, damage to the side environment will come, litter, killed wildlife, endangerment of hikers/bikers, kids...until all the decisions are made officially on the use of affected parcels and plans to mitigate use damage, it is ill advised to expect this at this point in time.

Susan L. Schiavone, Seaside

Harris, Lisa x4879

From: ovvh@aol.com

Sent: Monday, June 17, 2013 8:09 PM

To: 112-Clerk of the Board Everyone

Subject: Intergarrison road

Please vote to keep intergarison road closed to automobile traffic to enhance recreational opportunities on Fort Ord .

Harris, Lisa x4879

From: Gowin, Henry M. on behalf of 100-District 2 (831) 755-5022
Sent: Tuesday, June 18, 2013 9:54 AM
To: 112-Clerk of the Board Everyone
Cc: Holm, Carl P. x5103
Subject: FW: Support Letter - June 18th Agenda Item 12 - Intergarrison Road
Attachments: MC.BOS_intergarrison.road_support.letter_061713.pdf
Correspondence for the Intergarrison Road file:

From: Carlos Ramos [mailto:rcsg.carlos@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, June 17, 2013 9:09 PM
To: 100-District 1 (831) 647-7991
Cc: 100-District 2 (831) 755-5022; 100-District 3 (831) 385-8333; 100-District 5 (831) 647-7755
Subject: Support Letter - June 18th Agenda Item 12 - Intergarrison Road

Dear Supervisor Armenta:

Attached is a letter of support from the Coalition for Jobs, Opportunity and Business in Seaside (*cjobs*) in SUPPORT of the opening for vehicular traffic on Intergarrison Road, east of Schoonover.

Please see attachment.

Regards,
Carlos Ramos, *cjobs* steering committee facilitator

RCSG | Ramos Córdova Strategy Group
P. O. Box 2645 :: Carmel, CA 93921

Harris, Lisa x4879

From: Barbara Livingston [green.gardens@att.net]
Sent: Monday, June 17, 2013 7:44 PM
To: 112-Clerk of the Board Everyone
Subject: Intergarrison Road

>>
>> Dear Supervisors Armenta, Calcagno, Parker, Potter and Salinas, At
>> your Tuesday, June 18 meeting you will be debating whether to open
>> Intergarrison Road. For all the fine, well reasoned arguments you will hear and read
>> in opposition to this idea, I urge you NOT to open the road.
>> Thank you,
>> Barbara Livingston
>> P.O.Box 6025
>> Carmel, CA 93921
>> E. green.gardens@att.net
>> P. 831.626.1610
>>
>>
>>

Harris, Lisa x4879

From: Markey, Kristi A. x7576
Sent: Tuesday, June 18, 2013 10:48 AM
To: Boyd, Arlene P. 759-6642
Subject: FW: opening of intergarrison road

Please distribute to Board offices, thanks!

From: Daniel Fernandez [mailto:dfernandez@csumb.edu]
Sent: Tuesday, June 18, 2013 9:39 AM
To: Markey, Kristi A. x7576
Subject: opening of intergarrison road

Hi Kristy,

I cannot attend today's hearing, but I strongly recommend that the county put a 3-way stop at the Schoonover-Intergarrison intersection along with a crosswalk prior to opening the road to through traffic. The number of pedestrians who cross that road from the housing area is significant, along with the many non-residents who utilize this access. I estimate over a hundred residents per day who just walk across from there, not to mention the many non-residents who park and access the trails at the Jerry Smith corridor.

Regards.

Dan Fernandez

--

Dr. Daniel M. Fernandez
Chair, Division of Science and Environmental Policy
California State University, Monterey Bay
100 Campus Center
Seaside, CA 93955

(831) 582-3786 (office)
(831) 582-4122 (FAX)

Harris, Lisa x4879

From: Holm, Carl P. x5103
Sent: Wednesday, July 03, 2013 4:25 PM
To: Harris, Lisa x4879
Subject: FW: PUBLIC COMMENT ITEM 12 6-18 BOARD MEETING FW: Inter-Garrison Road

Carl P. Holm, AICP
Deputy Director
Monterey County Resource Management Agency

From: Hancock, Denise 796-3077
Sent: Monday, June 17, 2013 9:06 AM
To: 100-BoS Everyone; Bauman, Lew x5113; McKee, Charles J
Cc: Holm, Carl P. x5103; Young, Benny x5862; Rotharmel, Linda M. x5240
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT ITEM 12 6-18 BOARD MEETING FW: Inter-Garrison Road

Forwarding public comment received for tomorrow's Board meeting.

*Denise Hancock, Board Clerk
Monterey County
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
168 W. Alisal St., 1st Floor
Salinas, CA 93901
831-755-5066
<http://www.in.co.monterey.ca.us/cob/>*



From: Rob DeWitt [mailto:tahoerob@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, June 17, 2013 5:10 AM
To: 112-Clerk of the Board Everyone
Subject: Inter-Garrison Road

Please do not open Inter-Garrison Road to through traffic. The many hikers, bicyclists and pets will be in danger from passing traffic. We are being good by using the corridor to access Fort Ord lands. Please do not punish us by making the parking area a "killing fields"

Thank you.

Rob DeWitt
Sand City CA

Harris, Lisa x4879

From: Holm, Carl P. x5103
Sent: Wednesday, July 03, 2013 4:24 PM
To: Harris, Lisa x4879
Subject: FW: Postpone Opening Intergarrison

Carl P. Holm, AICP
Deputy Director
Monterey County Resource Management Agency

From: Gowin, Henry M. **On Behalf Of** 100-District 2 (831) 755-5022
Sent: Tuesday, June 18, 2013 9:55 AM
To: 112-Clerk of the Board Everyone
Cc: Holm, Carl P. x5103
Subject: FW: Postpone Opening Intergarrison

Correspondence for the Intergarrison Road File:

From: Pat McNeill [mailto:pmcneill@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Monday, June 17, 2013 9:08 PM
To: Lynn Hamilton (lynham@sbcglobal.net)
Subject: Postpone Opening Intergarrison

Please consider postponing opening Intergarrison Road until secure and safe access can be established for open space on Ft. Ord.

The establishment of the Jerry Smith Corridor acknowledged the critical need for safe access to the National Monument while the ESCA lands were under regulatory closure. The closure is still in effect. The proof of the wisdom of establishing the Jerry Smith Corridor is evident in that Intergarrison Road has become a nexus for students, mothers pushing strollers, joggers horse riders, dog trainers, cyclists, college running teams, high school cycling teams, and hikers, who ebb and flow in a reasonably safe environment. Commuter traffic will lead to accidents. Safer access to Ft Ord National Monument must be established before opening Intergarrison Road to harried commuters seeking shortcuts.

Thank you in advance,
Pat McNeill
Lynn Hamilton

Harris, Lisa x4879

From: Gowin, Henry M. on behalf of 100-District 2 (831) 755-5022

Sent: Tuesday, June 18, 2013 9:55 AM

To: 112-Clerk of the Board Everyone

Cc: Holm, Carl P. x5103

Subject: FW: Postpone Opening Intergarrison

Correspondence for the Intergarrison Road File:

From: Pat McNeill [mailto:pmcneill@sbcglobal.net]

Sent: Monday, June 17, 2013 9:08 PM

To: Lynn Hamilton (lynham@sbcglobal.net)

Subject: Postpone Opening Intergarrison

Please consider postponing opening Intergarrison Road until secure and safe access can be established for open space on Ft. Ord.

The establishment of the Jerry Smith Corridor acknowledged the critical need for safe access to the National Monument while the ESCA lands were under regulatory closure. The closure is still in effect. The proof of the wisdom of establishing the Jerry Smith Corridor is evident in that Intergarrison Road has become a nexus for students, mothers pushing strollers, joggers horse riders, dog trainers, cyclists, college running teams, high school cycling teams, and hikers, who ebb and flow in a reasonably safe environment. Commuter traffic will lead to accidents. Safer access to Ft Ord National Monument must be established before opening Intergarrison Road to harried commuters seeking shortcuts.

Thank you in advance,

Pat McNeill

Lynn Hamilton

Harris, Lisa x4879

From: Holm, Carl P. x5103
Sent: Wednesday, July 03, 2013 4:25 PM
To: Harris, Lisa x4879
Subject: FW: Public Comment Item 12 for 6-18-12 FW: Intergarrison Road

Carl P. Holm, AICP
Deputy Director
Monterey County Resource Management Agency

-----Original Message-----

From: Hancock, Denise 796-3077
Sent: Monday, June 17, 2013 8:59 AM
To: 100-BoS Everyone; Bauman, Lew x5113; McKee, Charles J; Holm, Carl P. x5103
Cc: Young, Benny x5862; Rotharmel, Linda M. x5240
Subject: Public Comment Item 12 for 6-18-12 FW: Intergarrison Road

Good morning,

Am forwarding public comment received for tomorrows Board meeting.

Denise

Denise Hancock, Board Clerk
Monterey County
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
168 W. Alisal St., 1st Floor
Salinas, CA 93901
831-755-5066
<http://www.in.co.monterey.ca.us/cob/>

-----Original Message-----

From: john hutcherson [mailto:johnhutcherson@comcast.net]
Sent: Monday, June 17, 2013 7:28 AM
To: 112-Clerk of the Board Everyone
Subject: Intergarrison Road

Dear Supervisors,

I've just completed 18 years of everyday use of Fort Ord for running, biking and hiking. I, my wife, my children and grandchildren, friends and dogs have enjoyed Fort Ord.. I have (on foot) travelled more than 30,000 miles (as judged by GPS and the 2-4 hours daily) since the base closure. FORA has made my past entrance at 8th and Gigling an unpleasant experience, making trail usage against the law and requiring a 1 ¾ mile hike on paving before you reach the National Monument trails. Although the no trespassing signs are still an unpleasant eyesore on the Jerry Smith trailhead on Intergarrison Road, it only requires a ½ mile hike on a trail to reach the National Monument. Public institutions that are affected and will be affected more so are the Department of Defense employees and CSUMB students and faculty.

If you open Intergarrison to speeding traffic you will make an extremely dangerous place for people to unload their bikes, their children, their horses and their dogs. There will be speeding traffic (55 mph and up) approaching a pedestrian zone where people park on both sides of Intergarrison Road. I had the extremely unpleasant experience of being at the Jerry Smith trailhead when numerous, monstrous concrete trucks came roaring through. They raised choking clouds of dust as they went past with no apparent regard for the trail users. The road was still "closed" at this time but apparently the construction company can do as it likes.

There will be disastrous results or are you going to take away this trailhead too? You will be effectively denying people on the western and northern side of the National

Monument from access. If your intent is to close off the Monument to users from the western and northern sides you are succeeding.

John Hutcherson

480 San Bernable Drive

Monterey CA 93940

831-646-9956

johnhutcherson@comcast.net

Harris, Lisa x4879

From: Lindley Rolle [linrolle@hotmail.com]

Sent: Tuesday, June 18, 2013 7:02 AM

To: 112-Clerk of the Board Everyone

Subject: Keep Intergarrison closed

Please do not consider opening Intergarrison Road to through traffic. This area is a recreational area used by bicyclists, hikers, and runners. It would encourage high-speed, heavy traffic through the oak woodland. This is not an acceptable scenario. There is no reason to open this road. The development in East Garrison has 2 access roads from Reservation Road. I can't imagine those residents would want thoroughfare traffic through a residential area trying to access Reservation. We need to keep as much of Ft. Ord wilderness as possible. It makes the Monterey Peninsula even more attractive than it was before Ft. Ord was closed. If people want tract housing, traffic congestion and strip malls, they can go to the San Francisco Bay Area or Los Angeles. Open space is what residents of Monterey County crave. It is the "greenest" use of the area.

Keep Intergarrison Road closed.

Lindley Rolle
Pacific Grove, CA

Harris, Lisa x4879

From: Nyassany@aol.com
Sent: Monday, June 17, 2013 3:25 PM
To: 112-Clerk of the Board Everyone
Subject: Keep Intergarrison Road closed

Dear COB,

Please keep Inter-garrison Road **closed**.

-- Norman Yassany
Seaside
nyassany@aol.com

Harris, Lisa x4879

From: Bookmaster [bookmasterjt@yahoo.com]

Sent: Monday, June 17, 2013 8:36 PM

To: 112-Clerk of the Board Everyone

Subject: Keep Inter-Garrison Road CLOSED to heavy vehicular traffic!!

Please keep Inter-Garrison Road CLOSED to heavy vehicular traffic!!

Thanks,

John Townsell

234 Metz Road,

Seaside, CA 93955

Harris, Lisa x4879

From: Darius Rike [darike01@gmail.com]

Sent: Monday, June 17, 2013 10:09 PM

To: 112-Clerk of the Board Everyone

Subject: Opening Intergarrison Road to Through Traffic

Please do not open Intergarrison Road between Schoonover Road and East Garrison to Through Traffic until a safe off-road parking area has been provided for people currently using the roadway to park near the "Jerry Smith Access Corridor" recreational trail head. Opening Intergarrison Road will create a safety conflict for cars and trailers which are currently parking on the roadway and shoulders of Intergarrison Road adjacent to the Jerry Smith Access Corridor trailhead.

Over the last several years the Jerry Smith Corridor Trail Head has become an important access point to the Fort Ord National Monument Public lands. This trail head is heavily used in the afternoon and evening hours during the week and especially during the weekend. All manner of trail users from dog walkers to hikers, bikers and equestrians park at the Intersection of Intergarrison Road and the Jerry Smith Access Corridor and are used to accessing trails in the general vicinity of this intersection as well as crossing the road itself.

Opening this road without providing adequate safety measures and parking facilities will undoubtedly cause a dangerous situation that will lead to accidents between vehicles as well as between vehicles and trail users. With a proposed speed limit of 50 mph the through traffic vs. parking vehicles and trail users interaction will be unacceptable.

Again, please do not open this section of Intergarrison Road between Schoonover Road and East Garrison until adequate safety measure have been taking and parking provided for recreational access to the Jerry Smith Corridor and lands of the Fort Ord National Monument.

Regards,

Darius Rike
3020 Eddy St
Marina, CA
831-596-9102

7/5/2013

Harris, Lisa x4879

From: Henrietta Stern [henri.stern@ymail.com]

Sent: Monday, June 17, 2013 9:01 PM

To: 112-Clerk of the Board Everyone

Subject: Safety Concerns at Intergarrison and Schoonover--Jerry Smith Access Corridor

Dear Supervisors--

I am an officer of FORT Friends and MORCA, but am speaking for myself in this e-mail, though I am confident my colleagues share the concerns below.

I am not able to attend the June 18 meeting, so I ask you via this e-mail to please carefully consider the safety of hundreds of hikers, bikers, runners, dog-walkers, families with young children, and equestrians who use the Jerry Smith Access Corridor each day in your decision-making about opening Intergarrison Road.

Your staff report erroneously described "up to 20 cars per day" (or at a time). There is so much more use than that, especially on weekends. Also there are folks walking or riding from nearby CSUMB housing areas.

There needs to be safe parking and/or street crossing for the hundreds of local folks and visitors who daily use one of the few access points to the Fort Ord National Monument from the Marina area.

To not provide safe access dishonors former Supervisor Jerry Smith, for whom the access corridor is named, and endangers the public. It also increases risk of lawsuits against the County if there is an accident due to excessive speeds allowed and inadequate safety measures.

There are a variety of safer alternatives and I am very confident that dozens of local trail users would be happy to volunteer time and potentially equipment if money for labor is an issue for the County. We are very invested in a safe trail system.

Thank you for your consideration.

Henrietta Stern
412 7th Street, Pacific Grove
henri.stern@ymail.com



United States Department of the Interior

BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT
Hollister Field Office
20 Hamilton Court
Hollister, CA 95023



June 5, 2013

In Reply Refer To:
1780 (CA190.50)P

Carl Holm
Assistant Director of Planning
Monterey County Resource Management Agency
168 W. Alisal, 2nd Floor
Salinas, CA 93901

Dear Mr. Holm:

Thank you for coordinating with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) regarding the possible opening of Inter-garrison Road from Schoonover Road to Reservation Road. As you know, the eastern third of this road has been closed to public vehicle use for quite some time. There are currently gates at both ends of this road to prevent vehicle trespass, and a popular parking area has formed near the gate by Schoonover Road in front of the Jerry Smith Access Corridor.

I have attached a map to help illustrate where this road is located in relation to the Fort Ord National Monument, and other parcels of interest. The Inter-garrison Road segment in question is about ½ mile north of the National Monument and is separated by lands designated within the Installation-Wide Multispecies Habitat Management Plan (HMP) as Habitat Reserve, Habitat Corridor, and Open Space Park (i.e. former Travel Camp). Although the Fort Ord Reuse Authority (FORA) still manages the lands designated as Habitat Corridor and Habitat Reserve in this region, Monterey County now oversees the former Travel Camp south of the road segment.

The BLM is aware that the Fort Ord Reuse Plan calls for the development of Eastside Parkway that would connect Inter-garrison Road to Eucalyptus Road north of the National Monument. Our understanding is that the Eastside Parkway transportation corridor is meant to mitigate for regional transportation impacts created by implementation of the reuse plan, and to alleviate current transportation gridlock in and around the former Fort Ord. It is further our understanding that Eastside Parkway is on the CIP for implementation in 2014-2016. Until that transportation corridor is developed, there could be a considerable level of vehicle use on Inter-garrison Road accommodating motorists between the Salinas area and the Monterey Peninsula.

The BLM urges the County and FORA to continue use of the current parking area near the Jerry Smith Access Corridor until such time that a more permanent access point can be developed. This current parking area may need to be supported by a three-way stop sign at the Schoonover/Inter-garrison Road intersection should the road opening generate a sizable traffic load. This makeshift parking area is not the ideal situation; however, it accommodates quite a few visitors to the National Monument. This is especially true during the few weekends when races occur from the other makeshift parking area near the intersection of 8th Avenue and Gigling Road.

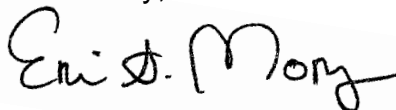
The BLM also urges the County to take measures to prevent illegal road use and dumping along the segment you propose to open. There are a few trails/roads that tie into the Inter-garrison Road segment that might be inviting to dumpers if there is no management presence. This occurred quite frequently on the future CSU Monterey Bay property south of Inter-garrison Road and has been nearly eliminated since FORA posted these routes as “closed/no trespassing” and asserted a management presence. While there are still “closed/no trespassing” signs south of the road segment in question, there are none north of the road.

Furthermore, the BLM urges the County to restrict public parking along the edges of the road between the Jerry Smith Access Corridor and Reservation Road to reduce the chance of accidental fire starts. There are several trail intersections along the road that have flammable grasses that could ignite should people try to park along the road. We would recommend that no further parking be allowed between the Jerry Smith Access Corridor and Reservation Road unless a formalized parking area is constructed.

It is the BLM’s desire to have professionally developed, managed and appearing trailheads serving the National Monument/County Habitat Areas and this is especially important along the northern margins where only makeshift parking areas exist. The BLM is interested in coordinating with the County on the provisions of these trailheads. We believe that there are opportunities to develop high quality trailheads in the following Monterey County areas at some future time: 1) south of Watkins Gate Road across from the former Travel Camp entrance; 2) near the ASP off Barloy Canyon Road, and 3) southeast of Eastside Parkway near the Jerry Smith Access Corridor.

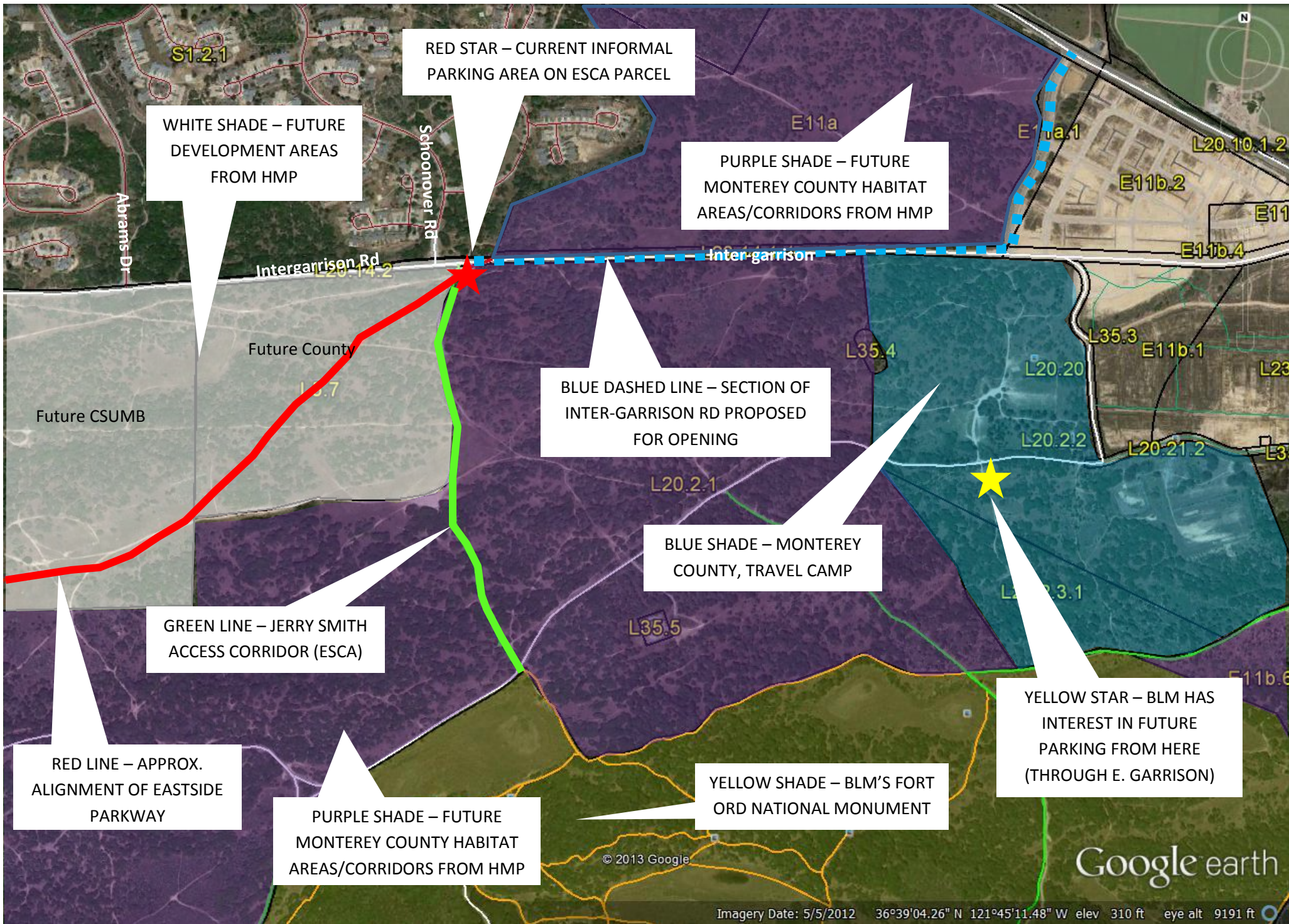
Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback to the County on this proposed road opening. Should you have any further questions, feel free to contact me at (831)394-8314.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Eric Morgan". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Eric Morgan
Fort Ord National Monument Manager

Attachment:
Map of Inter-garrison Road Area



RED STAR – CURRENT INFORMAL PARKING AREA ON ESCA PARCEL

WHITE SHADE – FUTURE DEVELOPMENT AREAS FROM HMP

PURPLE SHADE – FUTURE MONTEREY COUNTY HABITAT AREAS/CORRIDORS FROM HMP

BLUE DASHED LINE – SECTION OF INTER-GARRISON RD PROPOSED FOR OPENING

BLUE SHADE – MONTEREY COUNTY, TRAVEL CAMP

GREEN LINE – JERRY SMITH ACCESS CORRIDOR (ESCA)

RED LINE – APPROX. ALIGNMENT OF EASTSIDE PARKWAY

PURPLE SHADE – FUTURE MONTEREY COUNTY HABITAT AREAS/CORRIDORS FROM HMP

YELLOW SHADE – BLM'S FORT ORD NATIONAL MONUMENT

YELLOW STAR – BLM HAS INTEREST IN FUTURE PARKING FROM HERE (THROUGH E. GARRISON)



United States Department of the Interior

BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT
Hollister Field Office
20 Hamilton Court
Hollister, CA 95023



June 5, 2013

In Reply Refer To:
1780 (CA190.50)P

Carl Holm
Assistant Director of Planning
Monterey County Resource Management Agency
168 W. Alisal, 2nd Floor
Salinas, CA 93901

Dear Mr. Holm:

Thank you for coordinating with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) regarding the possible opening of Inter-garrison Road from Schoonover Road to Reservation Road. As you know, the eastern third of this road has been closed to public vehicle use for quite some time. There are currently gates at both ends of this road to prevent vehicle trespass, and a popular parking area has formed near the gate by Schoonover Road in front of the Jerry Smith Access Corridor.

I have attached a map to help illustrate where this road is located in relation to the Fort Ord National Monument, and other parcels of interest. The Inter-garrison Road segment in question is about ½ mile north of the National Monument and is separated by lands designated within the Installation-Wide Multispecies Habitat Management Plan (HMP) as Habitat Reserve, Habitat Corridor, and Open Space Park (i.e. former Travel Camp). Although the Fort Ord Reuse Authority (FORA) still manages the lands designated as Habitat Corridor and Habitat Reserve in this region, Monterey County now oversees the former Travel Camp south of the road segment.

The BLM is aware that the Fort Ord Reuse Plan calls for the development of Eastside Parkway that would connect Inter-garrison Road to Eucalyptus Road north of the National Monument. Our understanding is that the Eastside Parkway transportation corridor is meant to mitigate for regional transportation impacts created by implementation of the reuse plan, and to alleviate current transportation gridlock in and around the former Fort Ord. It is further our understanding that Eastside Parkway is on the CIP for implementation in 2014-2016. Until that transportation corridor is developed, there could be a considerable level of vehicle use on Inter-garrison Road accommodating motorists between the Salinas area and the Monterey Peninsula.

The BLM urges the County and FORA to continue use of the current parking area near the Jerry Smith Access Corridor until such time that a more permanent access point can be developed. This current parking area may need to be supported by a three-way stop sign at the Schoonover/Inter-garrison Road intersection should the road opening generate a sizable traffic load. This makeshift parking area is not the ideal situation; however, it accommodates quite a few visitors to the National Monument. This is especially true during the few weekends when races occur from the other makeshift parking area near the intersection of 8th Avenue and Gigling Road.

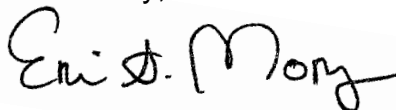
The BLM also urges the County to take measures to prevent illegal road use and dumping along the segment you propose to open. There are a few trails/roads that tie into the Inter-garrison Road segment that might be inviting to dumpers if there is no management presence. This occurred quite frequently on the future CSU Monterey Bay property south of Inter-garrison Road and has been nearly eliminated since FORA posted these routes as “closed/no trespassing” and asserted a management presence. While there are still “closed/no trespassing” signs south of the road segment in question, there are none north of the road.

Furthermore, the BLM urges the County to restrict public parking along the edges of the road between the Jerry Smith Access Corridor and Reservation Road to reduce the chance of accidental fire starts. There are several trail intersections along the road that have flammable grasses that could ignite should people try to park along the road. We would recommend that no further parking be allowed between the Jerry Smith Access Corridor and Reservation Road unless a formalized parking area is constructed.

It is the BLM’s desire to have professionally developed, managed and appearing trailheads serving the National Monument/County Habitat Areas and this is especially important along the northern margins where only makeshift parking areas exist. The BLM is interested in coordinating with the County on the provisions of these trailheads. We believe that there are opportunities to develop high quality trailheads in the following Monterey County areas at some future time: 1) south of Watkins Gate Road across from the former Travel Camp entrance; 2) near the ASP off Barloy Canyon Road, and 3) southeast of Eastside Parkway near the Jerry Smith Access Corridor.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback to the County on this proposed road opening. Should you have any further questions, feel free to contact me at (831)394-8314.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Eric Morgan". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Eric Morgan
Fort Ord National Monument Manager

Attachment:
Map of Inter-garrison Road Area



CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY
Monterey Bay

OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT
FOR ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE

100 CAMPUS CENTER, BUILDING 84D
SEASIDE, CA 93955-8001
831-582-3398
FAX 831-582-3339
WWW.CSUMB.EDU

June 13, 2013

Benny Young
Director Resource Management Agency
County of Monterey 168 W. Alisal Street, 2nd Floor
Salinas, CA 93901

Re: CSUMB Campus Safety and Inter-Garrison Road Reopening

Dear Mr. Young,

As mentioned in a letter dated 10/1/12, CSUMB understands that the opening of Inter-Garrison Road east of Schoonover Drive will provide secondary access to the housing development currently under construction southeast of the Inter-Garrison Road/Reservation Road intersection. However, since Inter-Garrison Road has not been open to through traffic or analyzed under current interim roadway conditions that include Eighth Street being closed and Eastside Parkway not yet built it is premature to assume that the proposed improvements will create a safe roadway condition.

The campus asks that current interim regional traffic patterns be sufficiently analyzed and any immediate decision to open Inter-Garrison Road be regarded as temporary and contingent on additional analyses. Interim improvements should ensure the safety of all users as they cross the road or travel its length.

County staff recommends that on 6/18/13 the Board of Supervisors (BOS) approve "Option B," which would open Inter-Garrison Road east of Schoonover Drive after approved stops are in place. The chosen option should address all safety aspects of Inter-Garrison Road, some of which are described below, not just the Schoonover Drive intersection. Thus, CSUMB requests that the BOS and the County staff only consider the opening of Inter-Garrison Road to through-traffic during interim conditions as a temporary measure pending adequate analysis of Inter-Garrison Road. If warranted, the analysis will determine the appropriate safety measures necessary to protect the CSUMB campus and community now and during future conditions.

Current Interim Road Conditions

The opening of Inter-Garrison Road under current conditions may result in safety and traffic impacts on the CSUMB campus. Despite the draft 2013-14 FORA CIP project dates, it is unclear when the following roadway conditions will be addressed to help alleviate safety and traffic impacts on campus caused by increased traffic volumes.

- The impacted nature of Imjin Parkway, Highway One and Highway 68
- The incomplete Eighth Street connection between Inter-Garrison Road and Second Avenue
- The absence of Eastside Parkway
- Inter-Garrison Road is currently too narrow for bike lanes east of Schoonover Drive
- Inter-Garrison Road has a posted speed limit of up to 50 mph in certain areas
- Both Abrams Drive and Schoonover Drive have one-way stops leading to unprotected left hand turns across Inter-Garrison Road.

Without improvement to these interim road conditions, it is uncertain if Inter-Garrison Road can safely accept increased vehicle traffic from regionally impacted roads (see Attachment A information below). This puts the CSUMB campus community at risk for vehicle – vehicle, pedestrian or bicycle collisions from an increased volume of uncontrolled high-speed traffic.

Engineering Concepts Report – Attachment A

The Engineering Concepts Report included in the Board of Supervisors 6/18/13 packet:

- Estimates the Schoonover Road/Inter-Garrison Road intersection currently has 1,700-2,100 average daily trips (ADT) (pg 6)
- States that the FORA/TAMC 2005 traffic study projects 7,100 ADTs on Inter-Garrison Road before Eastside Parkway is built (pg 6)
- Proposed Option A “No Change for Now” states:
 - “Do not open Inter-Garrison Road to through traffic until completion of the Eastside Parkway/Inter-Garrison four-lane project and an associated permanent parking lot in accordance with the draft Trails Master Plan”.
 - The negative impact associated with not opening the road is “Existing traffic congestion on roads in the surrounding area, particularly Imjin Parkway, Reservation Road, Highway 68 will temporarily continue to worsen as more traffic is generated by the occupation of new homes in East Garrison, Marina Heights and the Dunes, together with increasing enrollment at CSUMB, pending the construction of the Eastside Parkway/Inter-Garrison Road four-lane project.”

The Engineering Concept Report suggests that before Eastside Parkway is constructed, an open Inter-Garrison Road will help alleviate regional traffic by accepting 7,100 ADTs, approximately 5,000 ADTs or four times more ADTs than currently counted at the Schoonover Drive/Inter-Garrison Road intersection and just east of Sixth Avenue on the Main Campus (according to campus counts). CSUMB annual vehicle counts already indicate a large percentage of trips passing through the campus are unassociated with campus business and current campus roadways and intersections along Inter-Garrison Road are not prepared to safely handle this increase in regional traffic. The opening of Inter-Garrison Road should be considered temporary until the proper traffic and safety analyses are conducted. Any identified interim mitigations should be implemented to protect the campus and local community pending regionally programmed improvement completion.

CSUMB Traffic Calming Efforts

In anticipation of the opening of Inter-Garrison Road, CSUMB implemented traffic calming measures on the Main Campus along Inter-Garrison Road between Second and Sixth Avenues as well as along Seventh Avenue, A Street and Divarty Street. The campus expects these measures will help slow the increase in traffic on the Main Campus associated with opening of the road.

CSUMB's East Campus Housing (ECH) contains 1,212 units and approximately 3,636 students, staff, faculty and campus partners that regularly travel the two miles to the Main Campus along Inter-Garrison Road or the short distance to the open space just south of Inter-Garrison Road. The traffic calming measures installed between Second and Sixth Avenues do not protect those traveling outside of the Main Campus. At certain places along Inter-Garrison Road, outside of the Main Campus, the posted speed limit is 50 mph, with traffic traveling at even higher speeds along this straight and narrow road. The ability to reduce the speed along this road is of great concern.

As discussed with the County, CSUMB assumes responsibility for implementing traffic control at the Inter-Garrison Road/Abrams Drive. Pedestrian and bicycle traffic is prevalent and will be considered in the improvements.

Requested Safety Measures

In order to help protect the campus community from increased high-speed vehicle trips, CSUMB requests that the County fully analyze and consider implementing the appropriate safety measures identified by transportation professionals along Inter-Garrison Road at a minimum in the following locations:

1. Traffic control on Inter-Garrison Road at Schoonover Drive

Traffic control might include a traffic circle, stops sign, or traffic light. Pedestrian and bicycle traffic is prevalent and should be accommodated by the improvements

2. Traffic control or safety-related diversion on Inter-Garrison Road at the Eighth Street Cut-Off/Seventh Avenue Intersection

CSUMB encourages improvements that require westbound motorists to only use Eighth Street Cutoff instead of continuing west on Inter-Garrison Road through the main campus. Pedestrian and bicycle traffic is prevalent and should be accommodated by the improvements.

CSUMB seeks assistance from the County, City of Marina and FORA to prioritize funding in FORA's Capital Improvement Program for the completion of the Eighth Street connection between Inter-Garrison Road and Second Avenue. Eighth Street was always contemplated to be open through to Second Avenue as part of the interim regional roadway network. The impact of non-CSUMB traffic using the campus as a cut-through has been steadily increasing and the opening of Inter-Garrison Road will only exacerbate this situation.

3. Traffic control, detour and routing signage on Inter-Garrison Road at Eight Avenue

Through-traffic traveling westbound on Inter-Garrison Road, through the campus core, should instead use Eighth Avenue southbound as the preferred route through campus. Traffic control may be necessary to protect left hand turns. Detour and routing signage will ensure motorists have adequate notice to utilize the appropriate route.

Thank you for considering the safety concerns of the campus along Inter-Garrison Road. CSUMB supports the opening as long as it is contingent upon a full traffic analysis and the County committing to make the appropriate improvements as identified as a result of the analysis.

We believe that at a minimum, improvements at the three locations identified above will help reduce some of the safety implications caused by opening Inter-Garrison Road to through traffic en route to/from Reservation Road before surrounding programmed road improvements are in place. We look forward to working collaboratively with you on this issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K. Saunders', written over a white background.

Kevin Saunders

CC: Fernando Armenta, Luis R. Calcagno, Simon Salinas, Jane Parker, Dave Potter



UCP | Acquisitions, Investments, and Development

Union Community Partners

6489 Camden Avenue, Suite 204
San Jose, California 95120
Tel 408-323-1113
Fax 408-323-1114

June 17, 2013

Mr. Benny Young
Resource Management Agency
168 West Alisal Street
Salinas, CA 93901

**RE: BOARD OF SUPERVISORS – JUNE 18, 2013 HEARING
INTERGARRISON ROAD OPENING - AGENDA ITEM NO. 12**

Dear Mr. Young:

We respectfully request that a decision on the opening of Intergarrison Rd. be postponed to a later Board of Supervisors meeting as we are unable to attend tomorrow's hearing. As expressed in our previous correspondence we believe the opening of Intergarrison Rd. is a critical component serving the East Garrison community and we wish to be an active participant in the continuing dialogue on this matter. Your consideration of this request is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

James W. Fletcher
Chief Operating Officer
UCP East Garrison, LLC

c: Carl Holm, County of Monterey



Coalition for Jobs, Opportunity & Business in Seaside

Monday, June 17, 2013

TO: Supervisor Fernando Armenta, Chairperson, Monterey County Board of Supervisors
FR: Carlos Ramos, *c jobs*
RE: June 18, 2013 Agenda Item 12 - Opening of Intergarrison Road to Vehicular Traffic East of Schoonover

In the matter of Intergarrison Road east of Schoonover the *Coalition for Jobs, Opportunity and Business in Seaside (c jobs)* **SUPPORTS** this matter for the following reasons:

- a. This matter is consistent with the East Garrison Specific Plan and has negligible or no expansion of use beyond what was evaluated in the East Garrison Specific Plan environmental impact report (EIR);
- b. This matter also takes into consider said opening after approved traffic controls are in place (stop signs, parking restrictions on Intergarrison Road); and,
- c. This matter takes into consideration an ordinance for stop controls at the intersection of Intergarrison Road/Schoonover Road and parking restrictions on the north side of Intergarrison Road for future consideration by Board of Supervisors.

As such, *c jobs* views this matter as an important step forward in the reuse of the former Fort Ord. And as you know, the recent FORA 2012 *Reassessment Report* clearly reflected the community's concern that the three E's of the Base Reuse Plan (Education – Environment - Economic Recovery) is deficient in the area of *reuse* that most impacted small minority businesses, the underemployed and unemployed in our community – *the unfulfilled promise of Economic Recovery* in our community, specifically, and in Monterey County, in general.

Therefore, from a *c jobs* perspective – a coalition consisting of faith base representatives, micro enterprise/minority businesses, social justice advocates and civic organizations, our “*reuse report card*” sees the current state of affairs at the former Fort Ord, as follows:

	Education	“PASS”
	Environment	“PASS”
(But sadly)	Economic Recovery	“FAIL”

We can, and must, do better. Please approve Agenda Item 12 and its corresponding Resolution!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'CR'.

Carlos Ramos – *c jobs* Steering Committee *facilitator*

Cc: *c jobs* Steering Committee Members