



March 17, 2026

Chair Oscar Gutierrez
Councilmember Mike Jordan
Councilmember Kristen Sneddon
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Santa Barbara, CA 93102

RE: Single Family Streamlining Project Ordinance Amendments

Dear Chair Gutierrez and Councilmembers,

The Santa Barbara Association of REALTORS® (SBAOR) represents more than 1,200 REALTORS® across the South Coast who live and work in the communities they serve. Our members help families and businesses navigate housing and real estate decisions, and we work closely with local governments and community partners to advance practical, community-focused housing solutions. As one of the leading organizations in the South Coast primarily focused on housing, we support the proposed updates to streamline the single-family residential development review process.

Homeowners frequently encounter lengthy and costly review processes for relatively minor improvements. The proposed changes help create a clearer and more efficient path for homeowners while maintaining the City's design standards and neighborhood character. By shifting appropriate projects to administrative review and clarifying objective standards, the ordinance has the potential to reduce delays, lower costs, and improve predictability in the permitting process.

These updates represent a practical step toward making it easier for property owners to maintain and improve their homes while preserving the qualities that make Santa Barbara's neighborhoods unique. We appreciate the City's efforts to modernize the review process and encourage continued work to ensure permitting timelines remain clear, efficient, and accessible for homeowners.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Berge
2026 President

