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Ladies and Gentlemen:

This letter is written to oppose a variance for Hal Reiland and Hal Reiland & Round Hill Enterprises on item number #VR031032 to remove six mature oak trees and work within the dripline of seven oak trees so that a single family residence may be built and accessed.

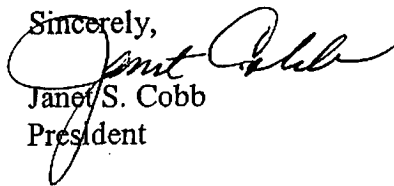
This is not the time to be removing healthy, productive oak trees as California suffers huge losses of trees from Sudden Oak Death, drought, costly urban sprawl and poor planning.

These trees support more than 300 wildlife species. Without the trees, the biodiversity of this state suffers; healthy watersheds are diminished. We request that you deny this self-serving variance and require more creativity in coming to a satisfactory resolution of the challenges that face you. Keeping these trees standing and living should be your goal.

The scenic values of the trees in question, as well as their service in providing cover, nesting sites and food for wildlife and birds dictates that you use your resources to deny this project.

COF's website: www.californiaoaks.org and its many links may help you. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to call me at 510-763-0211.

Sincerely,



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