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Personal statement :

My name is Yael Korin. I have been a resident of Los Osos since 2013, and have served on LOCAC since 2017, representing district 1.

I greatly value LOCAC's role representing the needs and the views of Los Osos residents to the County. I support responsible and limited growth in Los Osos, but only if the status and health of our basin aquifer can be sustained in the long run. I would like to see Los Osos maintain its modest residential character, sense of community, and surrounding natural beauty. When the Los Osos Community Plan is finally approved, I would seek to increase the availability of multifamily affordable housing, so that residents working in our community, in service industries and as care givers in our numerous senior care facilities, can live in Los Osos, rather than commute here daily from as far as Santa Maria and even Fresno.

I currently serve on the LOCAC Land Use Committee, which reviews and makes recommendations regarding all minor use permit applications, while seeking input from the public regarding our community's land use priorities and goals. In this role I actively participated in organizing multiple meeting with other committee members and concerned citizens, to discuss the impact that an increase in short term vacation rentals would have on our community. This ongoing community dialogue resulted in the establishment of new guidelines, which were approved by the board of Supervisors, and are awaiting final review and approval by the Coastal Commission.

I currently serve as the chair of the Trees and Landscaping subcommittee, and together with LOCAC and community members, helped facilitate a large scale tree planting project in the Community Center park, and am currently working with other subcommittee members to obtain approval of, and assistance from, the County Department of Park and Recreation, for a revitalization of the El Morro bike and walking trail. Our committee includes concerned residents with rich experience in both gardening and environmental preservation issues.

One of the more painful and somehow controversial issues we have in Los Osos has been the increase numbers of unhoused and unsheltered residents. So far the County has not been able to come up with comprehensive countywide response, and our community has been demanding both short term and long term solutions that will be effective in moving unhoused residents towards permanent housing, and will satisfy residents concerns with environmental disruption and public health and security issues.

Following a discussion with Supervisor Gibson, I chaired a LOCAC subcommittee charged with holding a community forum titled "Homelessness – Compassion and Action." Following the success of the forum, LOCAC voted to create a standing committee, the Unhoused Residents Subcommittee, which I also chair. Together with other dedicated committee members, we are

working hard to provide both immediate short term services to unhoused residents, and more substantial long term solution that will also allow for a pathway to permanent housing.

I respectfully ask for your vote so that I can continue working on behalf of our community.

Sincerely,

Yael Korin