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Dear California Coastal Commission,

I hope you are doing well this afternoon. I am writing to you to talk to you about the University of California Santa Barbara Notice of Impending Development No. UCS-NOID-0003-21 (Associated Students Bike Shop) report. I think that the implementation of this bike shop will result in more benefits than negatives. I will start with the positives. The first benefits that I recognize are surrounding pollution levels. I believe that there will be a decrease in car pollution. With the advertisement and new facilities for using bikes on campus, this will inform and incentivizes students to be using bikes more than cars. They will also be able to perform maintenance and upkeep to continue using the bikes. The next benefit that I witness occurring is an increase in public transportation. This is because for students that are unable to bike the full distance to their housing will use the bus system. This will also increase the public perspective and desire for more public transport which will in turn help decrease car pollution even more. Those benefits that I see will be for the environment. In this sphere, we can confirm that there will be an increase in trees and green space. Since they are replacing one tree with 9, there will be an increase in urban tree canopy and photosynthesis. This will allow for cleaner air as well as green spaces for students to work and relax outside. The next environmental benefit will be a decrease in power usage. First of all, they will be retrofitting all of the lights in and around the building. This will be more economical and efficient to run power. Next, they will be building a structure that follows all guidelines, does not negatively impact any ESHA, and the BMP for the protection of water quality. This will allow for not long-term harm or strain on the environment. Finally, the last environmental benefit is that it has been certified to not have any adverse impacts on any of the coastal resources. The final area of benefits that are easy to see will be

for the economy. There will be an increase in jobs to support this new plan. There will be an increase in jobs for the construction, maintenance, and employees for the store. This increased business is another for taxes as well as revenue for the city to implement in environmental projects and other things regarding coastal resources. The other area of the economy that will be impacted surrounds the idea of more public infrastructure. To have a bike shop means that you must maintain and upkeep the sidewalks, roads, and signage to protect bikers. With this influx in workers and project could offer more opportunities for more taxes and increased income for the county and state.

There are some drawbacks that need to be mentioned in order to reflect on the best way to construct this project. The first negative that could occur is that there is pollution from the construction of this building. Not only the use of concrete but also the vehicles used to pour and deliver materials. This is a complex problem that needs to be explored further but this problem should not get in the way of the project. The other possible negative that I can understand is that this building could encroach on the urban green environment that UCSB has established on campus. This new building could get in the way of the scenery and the urban environmental benefits that the trees support.

However, there are way to avoid these negative. The plan already includes one way. They are planting nine trees to replace that one. This allows for a return on investment on this area. Now to avoid the other negative is more complicated. I believe that the construction of this building can occurred during hours where there is minimal pollution and use of this area. This will prevent any wildlife from being impacted by the sound as well as allow the environment to cope with this influx in pollution. While this requires more work to understand when the best time is for construction, there should be no need to delay the project for that.

Overall, I believe that about the University of California Santa Barbara Notice of Impending Development No. UCS-NOID-0003-21 (Associated Students Bike Shop) project should follow through and commence as soon as possible due to the benefits for the pollution levels, environment, and economy. Thank you for reading this and I hope that this public comment is beneficial in your decision.