

# SKY VALLEY HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

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Supervisor John Benoit  
4<sup>th</sup> District, County of Riverside  
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RE: Gratitude for your work on Anka Sky Valley proposal

Dear Supervisor Benoit:

The 127 members of the Sky Valley Homeowners Association (SVHOA) thank you for your personal time and effort in understanding the issues regarding the proposed public use permit for Anka Behavioral Health in Sky Valley.

SVHOA applauds your final decision to recommend denial of this permit. We realize that you had to balance a number of issues, including the need for humane treatment of the mentally ill and the fact that the County and Anka had already invested several years of effort into developing the Sky Valley site. Throughout the hearing on February 26, 2013, you demonstrated a solid understanding of the many, often confusing, facts about this proposal. You asked probing questions of Anka and County staff, questions that uncovered attempts to misrepresent key issues. You were familiar enough with the proposed site to note that an aerial photo used at the meeting was out of date.

You spent the time and effort to understand the issues, you exercised the leadership to expose the facts, and you had the political courage to change your mind based on the evidence presented at the hearing. We follow the local political process closely, and we can say that you demonstrated a wise and committed leadership that is all too rare. Our community has certainly noticed that, and we are very thankful.

Gratefully,

Neil Ludlam, Secretary, SVHOA