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Ms. Kate Mckenna, AICP, Executive Officer
Local Agency Formation Commission, Monterey County
P.O. Box 1369
Salinas, CA 93960

Dear Ms. Mckenna,

Mrs. Sarmento and I are pleased to know that Mr. Graig Stephens has been selected to be a member of LAFO. We have known Mr. Stephens and his family for many years. Those years of his community service are typical of a person dedicated to doing the best that can be done using outstanding talent such as his. He served his students well during his tenure with Soledad High School. We know that his students will remember his presence with appreciation. That appreciation will match our appreciation of all those we remember that made a difference in our lives.

Know that you have an honest, objective, good thinker and fair person in Mr. Stephens. He will carefully study and consider all aspects of the matters that come before him.

On another matter, I recently resigned from the Board of the Soledad Community Health Care district after seventeen years on the Board. I attended several meetings of The Special District Association. Your presentations to the Board were always informative, interesting and helpful.

Mrs. Sarmento and I both wish you continued success in all you do.

Sincerely,



Ralph K. "Bud" Sarmento