

PROPOSAL FOR ALLED POSITIONS REGARDING FLOOD POTENTIAL
Allied Neighborhoods Association
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POSITION regarding all new construction over streams in the City of Santa Barbara: All shall be constructed to equal or exceed the 100-year flood capacity.

Reason: Properties located above and below a structure which is not built to the 100-year flood capacity will be required to purchase flood insurance when obtaining a loan.

POSITION regarding existing construction over streams in the City of Santa Barbara: The City will work with agencies responsible for the construction of inadequate facilities to have them improved to the 100 year flood capacity.

Reason: Currently large portion of the city are in a flood plain (Mission Creek, Sycamore Creek, and Arroyo Burro Creek). Landowners in these areas are required to have flood insurance by their lending agencies. In the Hidden Valley area of the Arroyo Burro Creek it is estimated that over 3 million dollars have been paid out to flood insurance. This is money that had the construction been to the flood capacity could have stayed in our community supporting local businesses.

POSITION regarding runoff from existing building in the watershed of the creeks in the city of Santa Barbara: The city shall require new construction in the watersheds to retain their runoff on site. The city shall also require that runoff from previous construction replaced by new construction shall also be retained on the site.

Reason: This will reduce the flood potential and increase of water in the existing flood plains, and improve water quality in creeks.