

Yes, the helicopters coming to my property, no more than twice a week, if that, will indeed pass in front of the homes along Padero Lane. They will join, according to the Santa Barbara Aviation Authority, the 130 military helicopter flights along with the estimated 650 civilian helicopter flights that transit the Santa Barbara corridor, on average, every month. My possible 2 flights a week will be inconsequential compared to the helicopter traffic transiting the area already.

If you look at the attached approach flight plan carefully, you will see that it crosses over the coast west of any residences on Padero lane. No one would deny that the residents along Padero Lane live in an extremely beautiful and exclusive residential area.

However, I'm sure you must admit that these homes are bordered by HWY 101 with over 100,000 cars and truck passing by every day, to say nothing of the 10-12 trains creating over 110 Db of noise at grade within a couple hundred feet of every home on Padero Lane; beautiful and exclusive, yes, but "peace and rural ambience" not so much. Yes, it is true that helicopters have been landing and taking off from several locations in our area for years.

In fact, they have been doing it from my property for 25 years. They have done so without a permit because helistop permits are not required on agriculturally zoned property, such as mine. Sometime in the past however, the County amended its ordinances to require helistop permits in the "Coastal Zone", even for agriculturally zoned property, but did not tell any of the local property owners. They finally got around to notifying me about 2 years ago and that the reason of my current application. Except for the flights associated with the Thomas Fire/Flood event, no helicopters have landed or taken off from my property in the past two years

While it is true my home is for sale, I am also in the process of building my new home west of and immediate adjacent to my current home. I will retain the right to use the helicopter landing zone after the sale. I am not sure who are the "thousands of residents" who will be disturbed by the proposed landing zone, but suffice it to say this is a gross exaggeration. I have, however, letters of support for my permit from 100% of the residents within a half mile of my property north of the 101. If you have any questions about this, please call our mutual friend, Carol Marsh, my nearest residential neighbor and ask her about the letter of support that the Summerland Cottages HOA has provided me.

Perhaps, my helistop will be of no use to the Padero residents "as the helicopters can land right on our beach and pluck us off of our sea cliffs in an emergency". If you've ever flown helicopters, you would know how treacherous such a landing would be along most of Padero lane. However, how about the hundreds of our neighbors north of 101 who had to be evacuated during the recent Thomas Fire/Flood event. Many of our neighbors were taken to emergency hospitals in Ventura County and as far as LA in helicopters operating off of my property and will again if there is a reoccurrence of that situation. It seems in your mind; those people don't count as long as you are safe. Kaye, it is that kind of thinking that gives the "1%" a bad reputation. Again, I am sorry that you did not contact me as your friend so that I could cleared up the issues

you have with my helistop permit request as I have with the vast majority of my local neighbors.
If you would like to discuss this matter further, please do not hesitate to call me.