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**To:** Osterhaven, Jan; Palmer, Brian; Parks, Linda  
**Cc:** Jim Benya  
**Subject:** Model Lighting Ordinance

Dear Linda,

We are very excited to learn of your work toward implementing a lighting ordinance for the county of Ventura. The Malibu Community Alliance has been working since 2012 to combat light pollution locally in Malibu.

In our efforts to protect our nighttime skies we have partnered with the International Dark- Sky Association (IDA) an educational organization focused on preserving natural night skies worldwide. Their mission has been to reduce light pollution, an increasing global problem threatening all wildlife, ecologically sensitive habitats, astronomical facilities, our energy use, as well as our human heritage. The IDA has spent close to a decade of work and hundreds of thousands of dollars in resources working with the Illuminating Engineering Society to create a Model Lighting Ordinance. This Ordinance is adaptable to almost every outdoor lighting situation and encompasses lighting technology currently available to achieve appropriate lighting (where needed) while minimizing light pollution, trespass, and wasted energy.

Four years ago, the Malibu Community Alliance (MCA) and the IDA joined forces in an effort to preserve Malibu as a dark sky community. Our efforts were rewarded when Malibu's City Council unanimously voted to use the IDA's Model Lighting Ordinance as a guide to create a nighttime lighting ordinance for the city.

In addition to working to implement a city wide lighting ordinance for Malibu, the MCA has collaborated and worked successfully to reduce light pollution and trespass locally at the Trancas Country Market, Malibu High School, Pepperdine University, and the new Santa Monica College campus in Malibu.

Meanwhile programs to reduce light pollution and save energy continue to expand. Paris, France has enacted an unprecedented lighting ordinance that will cut carbon dioxide emissions by 250,000 tons a year and save the equivalent of the annual consumption of 750,000 households. And New York City Councilman Donovan Richards, inspired in part by his trip to Paris, has introduced legislation in New York to limit light pollution. In addition, at least 17 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico have laws in place to reduce light pollution. Municipalities in a number of states have also been active on this issue, adopting light pollution regulations as part of their zoning codes. The implications for the environment and conservation of energy are far reaching.

We are 100 percent in support of enacting a local lighting ordinance for Ventura county and are willing to help in any way. We can facilitate a presentation from the IDA on their work and how they can help Ventura county protect the dark sky. MCA's goal is to implement a Model Lighting Ordinance locally, and eventually state wide, to protect against unwarranted light pollution and trespass.

Thank you,

Cami winikoff

President

Malibu Community Alliance