

Preserving Bucerias May Report



We are amazed and humbled by the overwhelming response to the Preserving Bucerias campaign since beginning the signature program in April. Thank you to all that have signed petitions and offered further support. The goals of the campaign, to keep development in scale with the community, preserve our windows to the beach, and maintain a healthy, growing, business and living environment are joining Mexican and North American/foreign residents in a common effort.

Signatures

We have approximately 600 signatures in support of the “Preserving Bucerias Campaign” Of the 600 signatures, approximately 40% are Mexican residents, 30% are North Americans who own property or live in the area for four months or more each year, and 30% are Mexican and foreign visitors. Signatures have been obtained in Bucerias and adjoining communities such as La Cruz, Nuevo Vallarta and other outlying areas.

The Website

A website has been created to obtain more signatures, allow you to make suggestions and give input on the direction of the campaign, to keep everyone informed of the progress, provide you with an opportunity to participate on committees, and post reports and comments as the campaign continues to move forward. Committees such as Fund raising/Donations, Publicity/Media Contacts, and Public Authority Communications will be solidified over the summer months of 2010. Feel free to send information, sign up for your support,

or ask about how you can serve on a committee at www.preservandobucerias.com, or, www.bestofbucerias.com.

Meeting with The President of the Bay of Banderas,C. P. Paniagua Salazar

On April 19th, Armando Garcia, a Bucerias resident and attorney with MJ & Company Law Services, and Leo Zanoni, also a resident of Bucerias, met with C.P. Paniagua Salazar President of Bahia de Banderas at his office to share the goals of the campaign and ask for his comments. First,C.P.Paniagua Salazar acknowledged that he was aware of the campaign. He saluted the main points of the campaign: “Our Town”, “Our Heritage” and “Our Windows to the Ocean”.

The discussion focused on the first objective of the campaign; establishing minimum heights of new building construction along the shoreline of Bucerias and the related density population use within new developments.

C.P. Paniagua Salazar indicated that he is supportive of creating new laws that better regulate and enforce building heights and take into consideration density and land use. He did not commit to a specific number of floors or building height, but felt the need to adjust the laws and maintain views and access to the beach was a goal he shared.

C.P. Paniagua Salazar indicated that obtaining 600 signatures was impressive. He asked that the signature program continue. Receiving additional signatures will assist him greatly and is a positive way to call attention to the desires of the community, and change and enact new laws.

Banner Program

Armando Garcia presented a prototype of the banner to C.P. Paniagua Salazar liked the graphic and felt it helped to convey the goals and intent of the program. He informed us of a new effort being established throughout the greater Bay area to eliminate large billboards and banners seen along the highways and roads that distract from the natural beauty of the urban and rural landscape. Therefore, C.P. Paniagua Salazar felt the prototype banner was too large and may restrict views and add to an appearance of clutter. He asked us to reduce it to a poster size.

We are now getting quotes for the poster. We intent to print a minimum of 100 posters that will withstand rain, wind, and sun conditions. Volunteers have offered to hang them for display in the next few weeks throughout all areas of Bucerias as soon as they are available. You will begin seeing them soon.

Future Activities

At C.P. Paniagua salazar's request, we are still soliciting more signatures. If you are able to take a petition and share it with friends and neighbors, please let us know and we will get you a folder with information about the campaign and the signature sheets. Our goal is 1,000 signatures.

Please feel free to contact Leo Zanoni at zanoni@earthlink.net. or Armando Garcia at clients@mjlawservices.com at any time. Thank you again for your support