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Dear Mr. Havel,

The Bolinas Stinson Beach Library Improvement Association opposes the application to operate a food truck at 15 Calle de Mar (Parcel 195-192-0700) in Stinson Beach. We feel this would compromise the operations of the Stinson Beach Library operated on the adjoining parcel for the reasons given below.

Our primary concern is parking. After a successful community fundraising effort, this facility was opened in December 1999 and included parking for seven cars and a handicapped space to accommodate library patrons since county regulations prevent parking along the frontage on Highway One. These spaces are utilized continuously by library users, as well as by county vehicles that transport materials between the county libraries on a daily basis. Last year BSBLIS partnered with the county to extend library hours, and this has significantly increased use of these spaces.

A food truck located in the adjacent does not provide on site parking for its customers. Having provided no designated onsite parking, these customers would most likely park in the library spaces, forcing library patrons—many of whom are children and seniors—to forego their visit.

Our second concern is the use of library restroom facilities. It has taken considerable effort by the library staff to assure that these restrooms remain for the exclusive use of library patrons. This has been no small effort, considering our location to near the public beach. Food truck customers will most likely avail themselves of these restrooms, placing burdensome monitoring and enforcement duties on the librarian and diverting her attention away from her library responsibilities.

Our final concern is the litter likely to result from truck operations in such close proximity. We are very proud of our library and want it to continue to be a key community asset that welcomes and encourages usage by our local residents. We believe a food truck would significantly impede our operations.

Ann Walsh, President