



CITY OF PACIFIC GROVE
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AGENDA REPORT

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of City Council
FROM: Bill Peake, Council Member
MEETING DATE: September 6, 2017
SUBJECT: Congressman Jimmy Panetta Townhall, August 14, 2017
CEQA STATUS: Does not constitute a 'Project' under California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines

SUMMARY

Congressman Jimmy Panetta held a townhall on August 14, 2017 at CSUMB. Nearly all the townhall was a question and answer session.

His stated top priority is immigration reform, which is in support of the agriculture industry in Monterey County. He described a collaborative effort with California's Central Valley Republicans who share the same priority.

At the risk of over-simplifying the Q&A, below are key themes I heard:

- Affordable Housing – supports Monterey Bay Housing Trust, grants, developer tax credits, etc.
- Bipartisanship – freshman class knows it must work together to get things done
- Campaign Financing – would like Citizens United overturned
- Environmental Justice – to be addressed through infrastructure investment
- Health Care – if not universal, then repair Affordable Care Act (Obamacare)
- Ocean Environmental – prevent oil and gas exploration in California Marine Sanctuaries
- Sustainable Agriculture – concerned with pesticide use and promotion of agriculture water conservation
- Veteran Support – voting on bills with bipartisan support
- National Monuments – need to continue protection

More information can be found at panetta.house.gov

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

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