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I support H5706 because I do not think the expert findings of scientists, geologists, engineers, and other highly knowledgeable persons should be subject to being overruled by a politically appointed board that often does not have the protection of our coastal resources as a priority. As political appointees, they may have other obligations to influence their decisions. It is an open door which could lead to favoritism and corruption. Let's keep the focus on the science!

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While CRMC's respected, professional staff of scientists, geologists, engineers and policy analysts use their expertise to review development proposals impacting our coastal resources, their findings are only recommendations to a politically-appointed, volunteer Council whose members are not required to have any expertise on coastal matters.