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Dear Mayor and City Council Members

I would like to emphasize the need for additional affordable Goleta such as the proposed " Kenwood Village " development could provide.

I am the co-owner of a CNC Machine Shop in Goleta and I am experiencing a very difficult time not only expanding but also retaining my business because of the lack of affordable housing. The majority of my employees live in communities that require as much as one hour of commuting time to come to work. They are always looking for employment at a closer distance and they quit when they find employment near their residences.

This problem has been in existence for virtually all small business owners and approving the Kenwood Village development will be very much welcomed and appreciated by all.

Sincerely,

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