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Dear Clerk Lopez:

I am writing this to have it submitted as input to tonight's city council meeting at 5:30 P.M. Please submit this as input to the meeting on the Dara Rd. Project.

To the Goleta City Council:
2023

July 25,

My wife and I are residents near the Dara Rd. Project and we and many other neighbors will be severely affected by project's outcome. We are both **severely opposed** to a change of zoning at this location to allow high density building and residency. Dropping a high density project into the middle of an established neighborhood with different zoning standards would be highly disruptive to the lives of those people in the neighborhood. We met with 40-45 other neighbors last evening to discuss this project. **100 % of the neighbors** at this meeting were strongly opposed to this high density project.

These disruptions and negative impacts are:

1. Huge increase in automobiles for this small area (could be 200 or more autos). Presently inadequate street design and parking for this many autos.
2. Huge increase in Greenhouse Gas emissions because of the location away from employment, shopping, and transportation which would require excessive driving for 200 more automobiles. This is an isolated location away from everything.
3. No room for children at nearby Kellogg Elementary School. Presently new students are send away to other schools because of lack of room for new students. This would also increase Greenhouse Gas emissions.
4. Large auto accident risk and congestion at this area because of inadequate street design. There have already been 2 deaths on Dara Rd. where an entrance to this area will be. Dara Rd. presently funnels in to this project and the large increase in cars will be a traffic hightmare which passes through a school zone. Also, the other

entrance

on the Stow Cyn. Rd. side of this project is presently a blind curve, which will be a huge

additional driving hazard with this large increase of traffic to the area.

5. Destruction of existing public mountain views from this area and from adjacent neighborhoods. The bulk and scale of high density housing will forever block the present mountain views.

6. Huge potential decrease in home value for existing neighbors. This project because

of all the negative impacts will adversely affect the value of housing in this area.

Existing residents who bought their homes previously under different zoning requirements could have a huge decrease in home value.

Please reconsider the adoption of this potential high density project, and consider 7190 Hollister or other possible site. It is not the thing to do to an existing neighborhood. Please represent the residents, not the special interests of our area.

We are also writing a letter to the **California State Housing and Community Development Office**.

Thank you,

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