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Two whom it may concern:

We would like to strongly oppose the proposed high density residential zoning change of 625 Dara Road.

Approving a large scale development on such a small property in the middle of a neighborhood is wildly inappropriate. It would not be compatible with the neighborhood, and its size, bulk and scale would not be appropriate to the site and the neighborhood, it could not be more different than the existing adjoining development. The architecture could not respect the privacy of neighbors, considerate of private views, or protective of solar access off site.

This scale of development would add significantly more cars to the neighborhood and to Goleta as a whole on a daily basis, as there is no public transportation near it, nor are there any jobs or shopping. Everything would be driving distance away, the carbon footprint of the neighborhood and of Goleta would soar.

For the amount of units being proposed I assume that there would be multi story buildings involved. The property is on a hill over the rest of the neighborhood, you would be creating a highly visible Goleta landmark. The development would be highly intrusive on the already existing neighborhood.

Kellogg School has already been adversely impacted by new development, adding a large number of new residences would only make it worse.

We had a neighborhood meeting last night to discuss this, two of the attendees said that they had received notice from the City about this, no one else had. Most of us that became aware of the proposed zoning change found out either the day of or during your July 20 meeting, at which it turned out that we had no representation. This and the speed of the agreement about a high density development on the property leads us to believe that this was intentional.

Please choose a more appropriate site for high density development like 7190

Hollister Avenue and the two adjacent parcels to the east, where a populous island in the middle of single family homes would not be created.

Best regards,

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