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To: City Clerk Group
Subject: 625 Dara re-zone follow up

Good afternoon,

I am writing to the city again to express my thoughts on the re-zoning of 625 Dara Rd from single family to RM/RH. I would also like to speak in this Mondays meeting.

I was able to attend the meeting held last Tuesday and was able to better understand the city's conundrum and the importance of finalizing the housing development project for the city. I also heard the councils arguments about why various other properties were not included in this proposal. However, I think before a decision is made, we need to revisit the councils decision to not include some properties mentioned in the last meeting, including the 7190 Hollister Avenue and the two adjacent parcels to the east.

While some of the arguments made were valid. One big question remains. Why would the city not take advantage of the aforementioned properties especially since they already have the needed infrastructure in place? To me, rezoning in the Hollister properties makes the most sense since it is close to many amenities. Not to mention, the property owner has expressed interest.

Its unclear why the the city feels comfortable including the 625 Dara rd property. In which the owner has had several decades to build housing in his lot. What makes you so sure that the property owner can deliver? Historically the owner has not been reliable in terms of building what they were approved to do. The city should consider that even if the property is rezoned for higher density housing there is still a risk that the owner will not deliver on the actual development as history has shown.

The owner of the Hollister property on the other hand is reliable, he has been helped develop other properties. He is a local who has demonstrated a vested interest in seeing Goleta succeed. His philanthropic acts speak for themselves.

In summary, 625 Dara Road is not appropriate for 84 medium-density units, and certainly not for 127 high-density units!

Best regards,

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