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To: City Clerk Group
Subject: Considerations for SPECIAL JOINT CITY COUNCIL/PLANNING COMMISSION Meeting on 7/31/23

To Whom it May Concern:

Regarding your meeting this afternoon on 7/31/23, to discuss the housing inventory in Goleta, I would like to encourage you to abandon the consideration of rezoning properties to High Density usage. I know you are required by the State of California to prove adequate diligence in providing housing according to their mandates. I would encourage you to be bold in your efforts to retain a sensible level of housing density, regardless of pressure from Sacramento.

In particular, I would like to address the vacant property at 7264 Calle Real, known as Kenwood Village. My husband and I live at 7281 Butte Dr, Goleta CA 93117, about 100 yards from the northern edge of this property.

We access our neighborhood using Calle Real and Ellwood Station road, driving past this property multiple times daily. This section of Calle Real is heavily used during peak commute times with people leaving/returning for work at the same time people are arriving/leaving to access Dos Pueblos High School. I'd argue that a study could show heavy traffic going in both directions around the same times of day, morning and evening. There has been at least one bicycle fatality on this stretch of Calle Real.

If a High Density residential rezone were to be affected, that would mean that up to 284 new units could be built on this property. I am assuming a "unit" means a dwelling space, and that an additional two cars per unit could be counted on, contributing a minimum of 500 additional cars to daily traffic flow on Calle Real. My unstudied impression is that the traffic flow on Calle Real is already dense, and such an increase would cause an undue burden on public safety.

Please consider only rezoning to medium density housing. And if possible, please consider finding ways to represent Goleta's best interests in the face of pressure from State Representatives who don't live in our area or hold the same concerns and values that we do locally.

Thank you for all your hard work.

Respectfully,
Michele Fitch