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Comments on the Housing Elements Revisions Report

I haven't read all the 36 pages of this report. It seems deliberately overwhelming so people won't respond. I looked at the type and location of the proposed housing and it seems that more than 50% is for low income. Low income people need housing but why does so much of it have to be Goleta? It should be spread among the areas of the County including Santa Barbara, Hope Ranch and Montecito. Particularly Hope Ranch and Montecito because they employ many low income people.

I think the members of the Goleta City Council have lost sight of why the people of Goleta wanted to form an independent City. My recollection was that one of the objectives was that Goleta would not be a location to house the low income workforce for Santa Barbara, particularly the tourism industry.

Maybe the people putting this report together were not around then and may not be aware of this.

Was any consideration given to whether the infrastructure could handle this addition housing? It appears that you plan to make the Fairview exit as congested as the Storke/Glen Annie exit and make it even more congested with the proposed housing along Hollister and Calle Real. Was any thought given to evacuation routes?

The Yardi property – did you look at what is in the area around this property – Fedex, the airport, sewage works, tire shop, auto repair shop and transitionary housing for the homeless. Would the creators of this plan like to live in such a neighborhood? This seems like an insult to low income people that they should live in such an area. Yardi doesn't care. It just wants to get rid of a redundant property.

The Goleta City Council members and staff seem to be intimidated by the civil servants in Sacramento. I assure you that the people in Hope Ranch and Montecito are not. They are in Sacramento telling the politicians why housing shouldn't be built in their areas, and particularly low income housing. How much low income housing is there is Gavin Newsom's area? Why are we building more housing when the State is losing population?

This plan will diminish the value of property and quality of life in neighborhoods where most of the housing is proposed to be built. Where are the elected representatives who should be pushing back on these housing requirements which impact the quality of life in Goleta. They certainly seem to be failing us.

Respectfully submitted

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