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Mr Lanza,

I write to you in opposition of the High Density Housing Proposal for 7264 Calle Real in Goleta.

There are several reasons.

First, our district doesn't even have a representative on the Council at this time.

And the mayor has recused herself for reasons not made clear.

Second, Calle Real is absurdly narrow at that location. If a person or a city council were to propose anything deemed High Density, then wouldn't it make sense to have a street that could actually accommodate the scale of the proposed number of units and additional automobiles? Calle Real at that location is ten feet wide in each direction. Single lane, no adequate shoulder. I assure you there will be auto accidents, and as others have said, bicycle accidents as well.

I attended two city council meetings related to this.

Originally there was a proposal for 280 units on the site. Then it got dropped to 180 and the council made it seem like that was a great compromise. 180 units would still be far too many. Unless there is going to be subterranean parking, spoiler alert there isn't, that property will absolutely not be able to accommodate the number of automobiles there.

There would be no overflow parking to the West and no overflow parking to the East as those first three roads are private. This is a classic case of Fire, Ready, Aim instead of Ready, Aim, Fire.

At the end of the day, that part of Calle Real is not a proper arterial to allow for housing of that high density level. And that doesn't even take into account that it doesn't fit the neighborhood at all. God forbid there would ever be an emergency evacuation.

It's an awful location for the proposal at hand. And if this is being mandated as a result of the threat of loss of grants and funding from the state if Goleta doesn't comply with the new housing requirements, well, then I think we can all understand why native Californians are moving out of state to get away from the overpopulation, over taxation, under-representation and underwhelming infrastructure and roads.

I beg you to not allow the proposal at 7264 Calle Real to go through.

Respectfully,  
Mike Diehl