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SUBJECT: Letter of Support for Proposed Housing Opportunity Sites Identified in the Eastern Goleta Valley Community Plan

The Housing Authority of the County of Santa Barbara (HACSB) appreciates this opportunity to express our support for the proposed Eastern Goleta Valley Community Plan (EGVCP) and its designation of Housing Opportunity Sites. We thank the Board of Supervisors, particularly Second District Supervisor Janet Wolf and the Goleta Valley Planning Advisory Committee (GVPAC) for their many years of service in the EGVCP process. We appreciate the work of the County Planning Commission, Planning & Development Department and other County staff in soliciting and incorporating public input while developing the Plan and in completing the EIR. Identifying potential affordable housing sites in the EGVCP gives clear direction of the type of housing needed for the people who live and work on the South Coast.

HACSB is Santa Barbara County's primary development tool to build and maintain housing for the County's lower income residents. Our track record over the past 74 years, administering over 3,700 Section 8 and other rental assistance vouchers and developing and owning 1,200 affordable rental housing units throughout the County shows that we have enjoyed a close and productive working relationship with the County and your Board. We have been proud to serve Santa Barbara County and its lower income residents since 1941.

Our message to the Board, Planning Commission, GVPAC, and private & non-profit housing developers is that HACSB is looking to collaborate and is seeking to partner with private sector developers on specific residential developments and mixed-use and/or mixed-income housing opportunity sites. These public/private relationships continue to help HACSB fulfill its mission. HACSB's Director of Housing Development John Polanskey looks forward to speaking with developers to assist in making affordable housing a reality. He can be reached at (805) 736-3423 or johnpolanskey@hasbarco.org.